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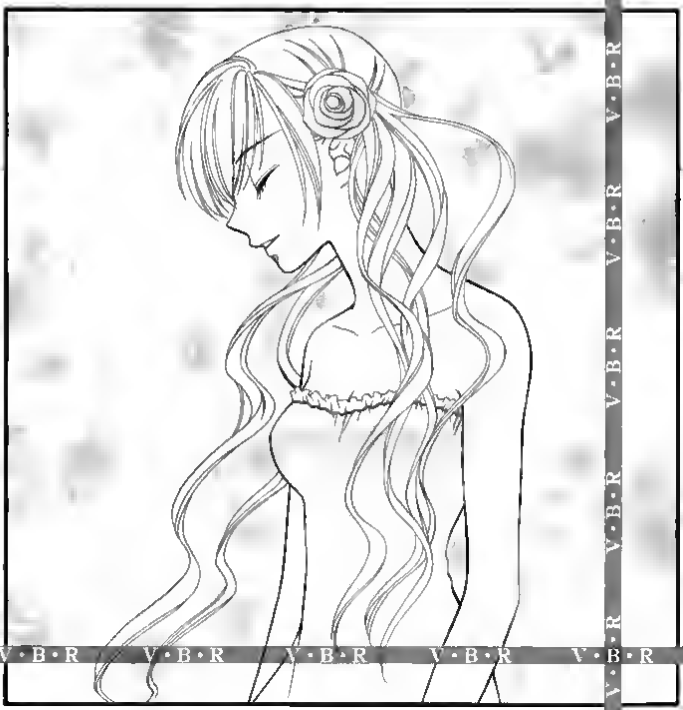
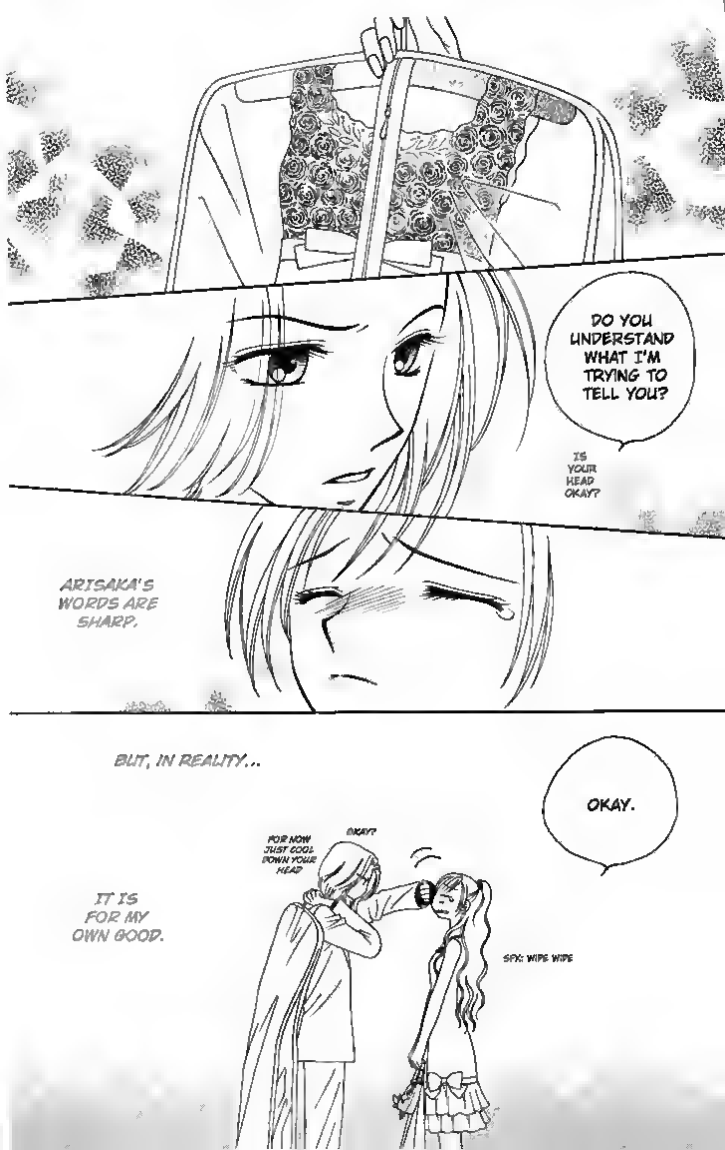


Onee-chan, wait for me, I'll be there as soon as possible.

SFX: SLIP
AH,
ALMOST FELL
SO..
SORRY...
SFX: PANT PANT
WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO THE WEDDING HALL
SO HOT
THIS IS DANG-EROUS
LET'S STOP FOR A WHILE
SFX: PANT PANT

MY FEET HURTS...
IF IT'D TAKE 5 MINUTES TO GET THERE BY CAR, HOW WILL IT TAKE IF WE RUN?
SFX. THROB THROB
BUT...
ONEE-CHAN IS WAITING FOR ME TO DELIVER THIS GOWN.
SFX. CREAK
I NEED TO DELIVER THIS QUICKLY!
I MUST GO FASTER!
JUST A BIT MORE...
SFX EXHAUSTED
I MUST...
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE AGEHA!
LISTEN TO ME!
HEY, WAIT!
F... FASTER...
SFX

?
WHICH ONE?
NO 'URGH'S!!!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU THIS MORNING!
SFX. THUMP THUMP
Urgh?
THIS GOWN...
THE BUNNY YOU'VE MADE AND YOU,
ARE ONE PACKAGE THAT MUST BE DELIVERED TOGETHER!
IF HIBARI SEES YOU'RE HURT IN ANY WAY...
SHE'LL WORRY, STUPID.


DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU?
IS YOUR HEAD OKAY?
ARISAKA'S WORDS ARE SHARP.
BUT, IN REALITY...
OKAY.
OKAY?
FOR NOW JUST COOL DOWN YOUR HEAD
IT IS FOR MY OWN GOOD.
SFX: WIPE WIPE

RELAX, IT'S ONLY FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE.
HOW EVIL!
NOW, WE HAVE TO RUN AS FAST AS WE CAN!
LET'S GO!
YOU'RE A V.B.ROSE EMPLOYEE, RIGHT?
IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THIS GOWN ARRIVES AT THE CLIENT'S HAND

I'M SURE IT WILL ARRIVE ON TIME.
YES, I'LL WORK HARD TO DELIVER IT.

AOIHA
BRIDE ROOM
SFX. PANIC
HOW...
JUST CALM DOWN.
AH!
HOW...
A PREGNANT WOMAN PINCH
SFX. THUMP
EH? WHAT TIME ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GATHER AT THE CHURCH?
OH, NO!
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?!
OH YEAH, HISARI, JUST NOW YOUR FRIENDS SAID THEY WANTED TO TAKE PICTURES TOGETHER WITH YOU.
ATTENTION: THIS IS THE GROOM.
SFX. UHM
ACTUALLY IT'S OKAY, IF THE GOWN ARRIVES LATE, BUT . WHERE IS ARISAKA?
MAKI-CHAN
SFX. CONFUSION

I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN AGEHA SAID SHE'S GOING TO HELP IN THE MAKING OF MY WEDDING GOWN
I'M GLAD THAT THEIR CAR IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT AND THAT THEY'RE OKAY.
AND I'M SURE SHE'LL DELIVER IT ON TIME.
BECAUSE SHE'S A GOOD GIRL.
YES.
HIBARI...

A VOLCANO?
WHO
WHY IS THE PHONE MAKING THE SOUND OF VOLCANO!?
OH, IT'S MY PHONE.
PI
SFX: RING RING
INCOMING CALL
IT SOUNDS LIKE A REAL VOLCANO
SAYS! SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN TODAY!!

HELLO, MITSUYA?
AH, IS THIS HIBARI?
WHAT A RELIEF, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT MAKOTO, BUT HE'S NOT ANSWERING HIS CELL PHONE
HE'S HERE WITH ME.

MITSUYA?
WHAT'S WRONG?
YEAH
OH, I SEE.
ACTUALLY...
Ha ha
RIGHT NOW, YUKARI AND AGEHA...
ARE RUNNING TO YOUR WEDDING HALL TO DELIVER THE GOWN.

I THINK THEY'LL GET THERE SOON.
SFX. RING
AGEHA'S COMING!
HIBARI?!

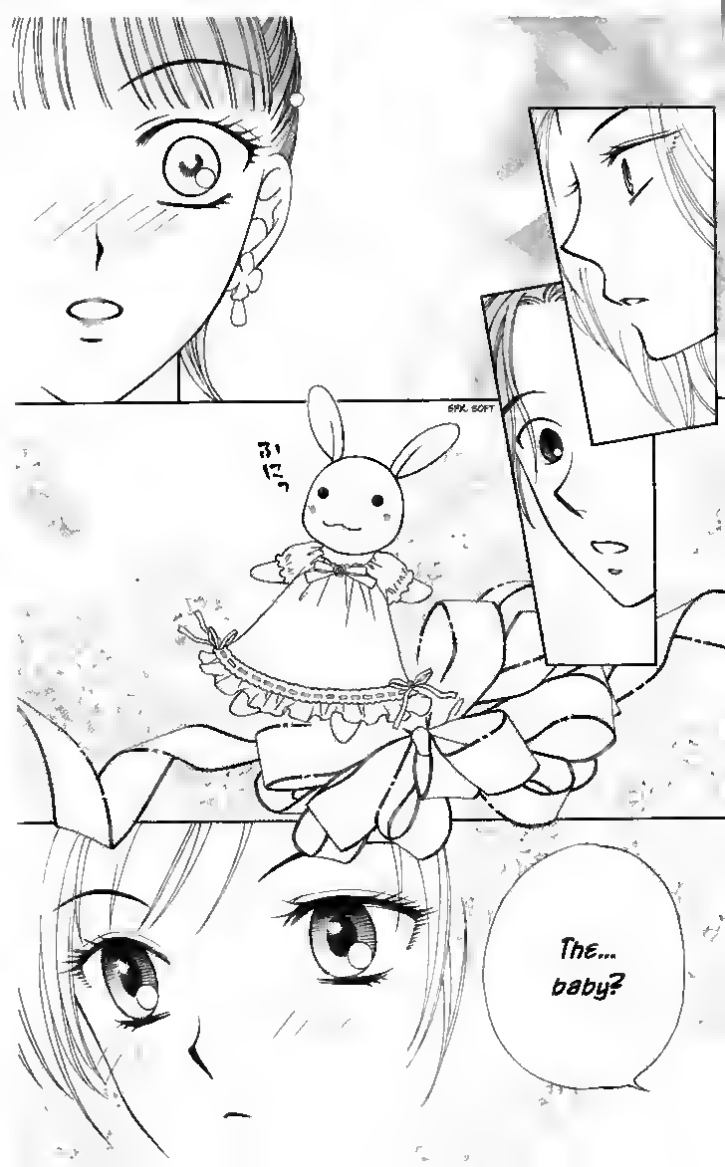
SFX: CLACK CLACK
SFX: CLACK CLACK
カツーン
カツーン
カツーン
カツーン
カツーン
カツーン
THE NURSE IS DISTURBING THE OTHER GUESTS.
I DON'T CARE
WHAT CAN I DO?
YOUR HEALS ARE NOISY
SFX: CLACK CLACK
Onee-chan!
Ageha!

EH-
SHE'S GOING TO FALL!
AH!
SFX: LOSES BALANCE
SFX: TAP
ONEE-CHAN, DON'T RUN!
MITSUYA CALLED ME JUST NOW.
I'M FALLING——!
STOP!
I'M COMING, ONEE-CHAN!

SFX: CATCH
WHY'RE YOU IN SUCH A RUSH?
SORRY
ひしっ
OH...
O...
ONII-SAN, YOU'RE AMAZING!
うわーんっ

EH?
ONII SAN DOES SHE MEAN ME?
SFX: GIVES
SFX. CLACK CLACK
ONEE-CHAN...
PLEASE LOOK IN THE PLASTIC BAG
SFX RUSTLE

Wow,
It wears a gown like mine!
キャーっ キャーっ
LOVES ANIMAL DOLLS
SFX: SQUEAL SQUEAL
Wedding bunnies!
W... Wow!
BUT WHY? I'M SURPRISED!
FOR ONEE-CHAN...
BECAUSE I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ..
IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK, CAN YOU PUT IT ON THE RECEPTIONIST'S TABLE?
AND,
AGE—
カサカサ
THERE'S ONE MORE...
IT'S QUITE SMALL, ACTUALLY
EH?
SFX: EXCITE

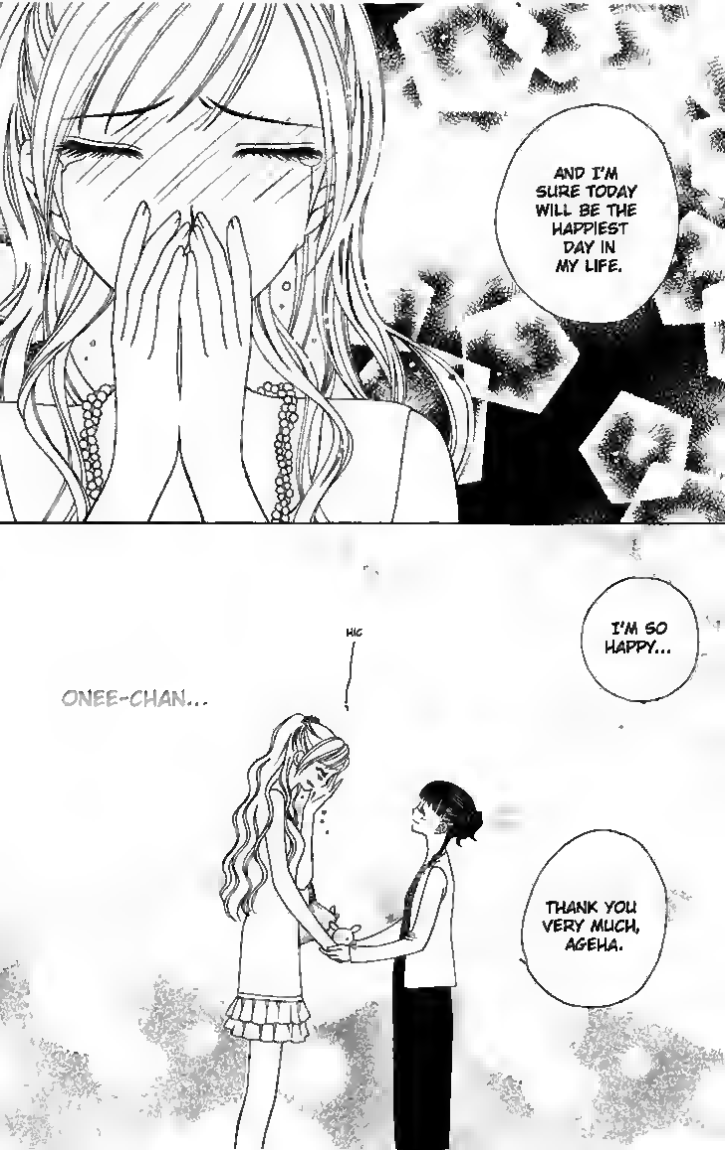

SFX. SOFT
The... baby?

IT'S STILL INSIDE ONEE-CHAN'S WOMB..
BUT I THINK IT HAS TO BE IN THE WEDDING, TOO.
BECAUSE IF ONE PERSON'S MISSING,
WOULDN'T THE WEDDING BE AWKWARD?
AGEHA...
I'M SORRY...
BECAUSE UNTIL NOW ALL I'VE BEEN SAYING ARE SELFISH WORDS!
UH...
UHM...

The person I love most.
Onee-chan, congratulations on your wedding.
IF ONEE-CHAN'S SAD,
I'LL BE SAD, TOO
BUT
ONEE-CHAN WILL ALWAYS BE MY ONEE-CHAN
IF ONEE-CHAN'S SMILING,
THEN I WILL SMILE, TOO
THAT FACT WILL NEVER CHANGE
AND IF I HAVEN'T CONGRATULATED YOU UNTIL NOW, IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING...
BECAUSE ONEE CHAN IS STILL

DID YOU MEAN TO MAKE ME THIS HAPPY?
IT WAS PROBABLY MY REAL PURPOSE.
I WANT TO GIVE BIRTH TO A BABY GIRL
You're so cute
AND THEN ANOTHER BABY GIRL...
SO THAT I WILL HAVE SISTERS
YES, IT'S A BABY GIRL
HA HA
THIS IS A BABY GIRL, RIGHT?
SO CUTE!
SFX: DOKI DOKI
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
SO LET'S JUST DECIDE THAT IT WILL BE A BABY GIRL!
YES.
MAKOTO, IT SEEMS THEY'VE DECIDED.
LOOKS LIKE IT

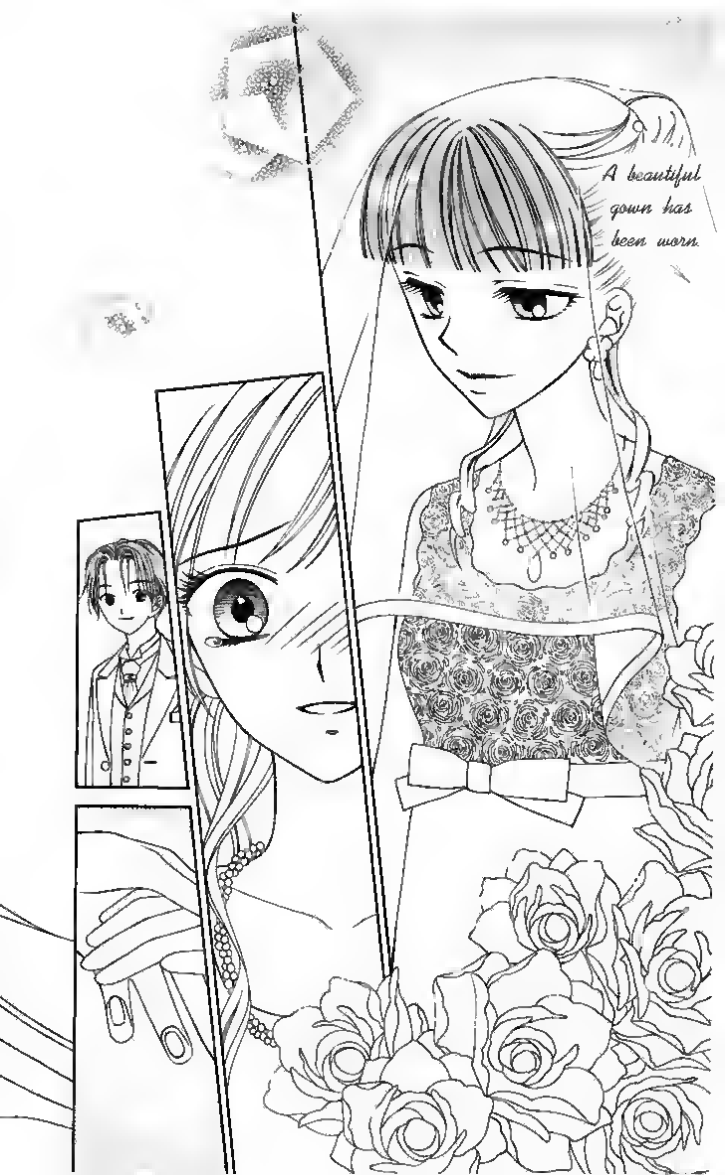
AGEHA, YOU'RE ALSO SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL TO ME.
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT.
YOU NEVER FAIL TO SURPRISE ME, AGEHA.
ONEE-CHAN
BACK WHEN WE WERE KIDS YOU ALWAYS LIKED FOLLOWING ME AROUND
AT THAT TIME, YOU WERE SO CUTE
CAN I GO WITH YOU TO YOUR PIANO LESSON?
OKAY BUT DON'T BE NAUGHTY
OKAY
I WANT TO HAVE CHILDREN WHO'LL HAVE A RELATIONSHIP AS CLOSE AS OURS.
IT'LL BE SO CUTE
IF IT CAN BE LIKE THAT.


AND I'M SURE TODAY WILL BE THE HAPPIEST DAY IN MY LIFE.
I'M SO HAPPY...
HIC
ONEE-CHAN...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AGEHA.

HIBARI, HURRY UP! IT'S ALMOST TIME!
COME ON! LET'S GO! HURRY UP!
OH, YEAH!
WHO IS THIS!?
HIBARI'S SISTER, PLEASE COME WITH ME TOO.
I'LL FIX YOUR HAIR AND MAKE-UP.
AH?
YES,
OKAY.
SFX. JERK
YUKARI, THANK YOU! YOU'VE WORKED VERY HARD.
THANK YOU, ARISAKA!
OH YEAH.
SFX. DOKIN
MY JOB IS FINISHED
A...
BUT
ARISAKA!
THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING THE THREE PACKAGES AS ONE!

HUH?
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'M TRYING TO CATCH SOMETHING WITH A NET?
HM...
NET?
WHAT HAPPENED? YOU SEEM TO BE VERY HAPPY.
YUKARI!
MITSU?
SO, YOU'VE FINALLY AGREED?
...WELL,
IF WE DON'T MAKE ANY EFFORT TO GET WHAT WE WANT,
WE'LL REGRET IT LATER ON, RIGHT?
HM?
.....

Today,
is the beginning of
SFX TAP
followed by the opening of 11 curtains which only open on the happiest day of one's life.
For this important day


A beautiful gown has been worn.

And another thing...
A happy smile.

EVEN THOUGH MY JOB'S ALREADY DONE
WITH IT I CAN SHOW MY HAPPINESS TO ONEE-CHAN
I FEEL LUCKY THAT I WAS ABLE TO MAKE THIS GOWN
I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS WONDERFUL FEELING.
WAIT A MINUTE!
SFX: TAP TAP

YOU NEED TO CALL HER BY HER FAIRY NAME.
YES, PLEASE!
YOU WILL STILL WORK FOR V.B ROSE
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TWO DOING?
HEY... AGEHA
YEAH, WE STILL HAVE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT AFTER THIS
DO YOU GUYS HAVE TO LEAVE NOW?
OH... THANKS
WHY MUST I RUNNING LIKE THIS?
WHAT AN ABRUPT ANSWER...
YES, I'M SAY
ARE YOU FRIEND SAY ABOUT "FAIRY WITH LIE"?
BUT I STILL HATE YOUR TEARING.

SFX. CHUCKLE

SFX. KYAA!

In this wide world...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!!
I will try doing something different
In my life.

Episode 7

THE THINGS I LACK; THE THINGS I RESPECT...

SPARKLE SPARKLE...

THOSE ARE MY TREASURES.

MID-MAY
キーンコーン
END OF MIDTERMS!
AHHH. FREED FROM HELL.
Waah! Why can't homeroom end NOW?!
NOW THAT I'M DONE, WHO CARES!
HYA HA HA!
Woo-hoo!
What I mean is...
HYSTERICAL?
YOU DIDN'T HEAR? HER SISTER'S WEDDING
NAG IN THE MIDDLE OF EXAM WEEK
That's tough
AGEKA-CHAN, WANT TO HANG OUT WITH US BEFORE HEADING HOME?
WAAH!
YES, BUT NOT TODAY.
AFTER ALL, FINALLY ...

AT LAST I CAN GO BACK TO VBR!
I'M GOING TO WORK NOW!
Right after chapter 6
It's midterm week? Be your duty as a student! I forbid you to come until you're done with exams!!
Ha!
Go!
Say what?!
SINCE I HAD MIDTERMS
THEY TOLD ME NOT TO COME
YAY!
ERRANDS!
ERRANDS! ♪
THE BAN'S BEEN LIFTED!!
THE SPARKLY WORLD IS STILL SO MUCH FUN. ☆
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BOSS, CAN WE GO AHEAD WITH NEXT MONTH'S BRIDAL FAIR?
Yo! Hello?
I LEAVE IT TO YOU!
YES, SIR.
HEY, RIRIKO, WHERE DID YOU PUT THE INVOICE I LEFT HERE?!
Over here
HERE'S THE DRESS AND ACCESSORIES WE COLLECTED
YOU SAID IT WAS A RUSH JOB
It's Lunamine-san
Bunch
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
YOU'RE WELCOME.
Matsumoto-san, about this order...
It's been taken care of, Yukari-chan
Okay!
Good job
HA HA HA
WOW
I said a bit nobody noticed.
THEY'RE CRAZY BUSY
It's action-packed! Uu
Your... your hand...
Oh, pardon me Kee
No fair! I can't do this alone!
OFFICE IN CHAOS!
WHAT?! AGEHA'S HERE?!
HELLO, RIRIKO-SAN!
Hey!
Yay!
OOH! AGEHA-CHAN, LONG TIME NO SEE

BEWARE OF HOW YOU APPROACH YUKARI ARISAKA

By Ageha

Hey, you!
ARE THOSE THE WORDS OF A REPENTANT MAN?!
MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP THOSE BEADS YOU DROPPED
Feh!
Whoa, whoa...
On Break
AAAWW. CALM DOWN, AGEHA-CHAN
LET ME LICK YOUR WOUNDS
!!
YOU NOT HARRASING ME WILL BE THE FASTEST CURE!
That's right, he's always like this
Nice head-shot
Ah ha ha ha!
SIZZLE
Bang!
whooze gasp
That goes for everyone
HEY, AGEHA
Whaddya want? Gyaah!
IF IT'S THE BEADS, I'M PICKING THEM UP NOW
カラ
カラ
I SAW THEM IN A NEW LIGHT AT HIBARI'S WEDDING, BUT...
THESE TWO HAVEN'T CHANGED
Yikes, look! A ghost!

HEH
HEH
HEH
WHEN YOU SHOW UP
THE PLACE REALLY COMES TO LIFE
HEH HEH
YUP YUP! IT'S ALL CHEERFUL
No, it's extra-noisy
HE HE

HEY...
DON'T LAUGH LIKE THAT. ALL OF A SUDDEN...
Ageha-chan, he's talking.
It's true
Heh heh!

JUNE BRIDE!
Sure
LOTS OF CUSTOMERS WANT TO BE A JUNE BRIDE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "EXTRA-NOISY?"
...YOUR WHOLE FACE CHANGES...
I don't want to turn around...
Battle of beads
IT WAS LOUD BEFORE I GOT HERE
SO DRESSES ARE FLYING IN AND OUT.
Customers on weekends-- it's hectic.
THAT'S RIGHT
You know about it

Ayaka-san, please handle with care.

IT BEATS ME WHY THEY LIKE THE MONSOON SEASON
June in Japan is like the kingdom of humidity. Curly hair freaks out.
June Bride
The Goddess of marriage is Juno, so June brides are said to have happy marriages
HOW MUNDANE.
Apologize to any June brides
KUROMINE-SAN IS A REALIST
Don't say that in front of the customers!

IT'S OUR JOB..
...TO CREATE THE GOWN OF THEIR DREAMS..
. FOR THEIR SHINING WEDDING DAY.
WELL, AT LEAST...
THAT'S WHAT DAD ALWAYS SAID
Papa Aoi in heaven, did you hear?
AOI-SAN WOULD BE SO HAPPY TO HEAR THOSE WORDS.
I'LL DO MY BEST, IN GOOD FAITH
HOW ABOUT YOU PUT ALL THAT ENTHUSIASM INTO YOUR PATTERNS?
Yeah! ♥
Turnaround Jun, you're like that with everyone
YEAH...THIS IS WHERE I WANT TO BE.

WITH ARISAKA-SAN...
Yes, next door. It's a good job.
AND KUROMINE-SAN
The fitting's done?
A BRIGHT AND SPARKLING WORLD
THAT'S THE WORLD OF VBR.
I'm looking forward to the result!
I'M JEALOUS.

I FEEL LEFT OUT.
I'm only a part time staff member
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO I'VE ONLY KNOWN THEM FOR THREE MONTHS
WELL, ANYWAY...

I'M A BIT LONESOME, REALLY.
SIGH
YOU KNOW, LATELY, AGEHA
ALL I HEAR FROM YOU IS ARISAKA-SAN THIS AND ARISAKA-SAN THAT
I'VE BEEN LEFT ALONE FOR SO LONG THAT I'M LONELY TOO
SINCE CHAPTER 2!

IT'S TRUE, MY E-MAILS HAVE BEEN SHORT
UM...
UM...
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL!
Stopped by after work (lover nearby)
BUT?
BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE I HAD THE WEDDING AND EXAMS
FRIENDSHIPS BETWEEN GIRLS
MAMORU-CHAN?
ARE GROUND TO DUST UNDERFOOT WHEN GUYS ARE INVOLVED

I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT ARIGAKA-SAN...
NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ARIGAKA-SAN
BUT, ASEHA, I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN
YOU GET OBSESSED WITH THE PURSUITS YOU LOVE
I'M KIDDING
ANYWAY, YOU'RE NOT DUST!!
Hee hee hee
S
S D B !!
THEY'RE BOTH SO DEVOTED TO THEIR WORK! WHAT'S UP WITH THAT, I ASK YOU?!
WELL, IT'S TRUE! EVEN WITH THEIR LOUSY PERSONALITIES
I WANT TO KNOW!
WHAT'S UP WITH WHAT?
S
YES, I AM
BUT YOU'RE HAVING TOO MUCH FUN WITH YOUR JOB
MAMORU-CHAN, YOU'RE MEAN!!

Hello, this is Sanri Hidaka.

How have you been doing?

It's gotten really cold these days

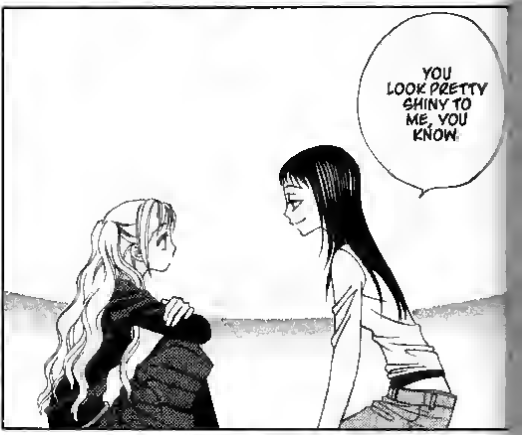
I don't do well with cold weather

I wonder how cold it will be by the time this book is released? What will become of me in the ice of February?! Am I unusually vulnerable to cold, since I wear two layers of warm undershirts in October? But I love winter clothes!!

I got a flu shot this year, and I'm trying to keep up with daily life and away from cold viruses.

Strange, it's Hibari's wedding in Volume 2. I originally planned to have it in Episode 6 in Volume 1 but it somehow ended up in volume 2, because the first two chapters had so many pages.

Please have fun with V.B. Rose Volume 2! It's my 28th comic book, with a whole cast of new characters!



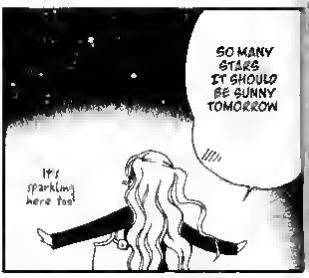
Hah!
THANK YOU, MAMORU-CHAN
I BELIEVE I SHOULD SEE THIS ARISAKA-SAN FOR MYSELF.
キラ！
Mamoru-chan, I love you!
ぴとっ
Also the rival hairdresser-san.
HUH
ONE'S REALLY CUTE..
AND I HAVE FUN TOYING WITH THE OTHER ONE.
HUH
HUH
HUH
HUH
YOU'RE CHANGING THE SUBJECT, AGEHA.
I MADE FRIENDS WITH A FUNNY DUO IN MY CLASS
COULD YOU MEET THEM SOME-TIME?
Yay, Mamoru's friends!
SURE, WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?
WOW, SHE'S REALLY INTO THIS
She looks pleased...

WELCOME HOME, NAGARE.
AGEHA-CHAN, WERE YOU VISITING?
NAT-CHAN!!
Take care!
OKAY, TEXT ME WHEN YOU GET A DATE.
Thanks for asking me over!
DON'T FORGET TO TEXT BACK, OKAY?
I WON'T.
I'M HOME.
AH!
YOU'RE SO CLOSE TO YOUR SISTER YOU EVEN GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL.
TH-- THANKS
LONG TIME NO SEE! CONGRATS ON STARTING HIGH SCHOOL.
At Last!
Brains run in the family
Nagare Takahiro
Mamoru's younger brother (by one year)
Woo-hoo! You're so much like Mamoru-chan!
Yeah
HEE HEE! YOU'RE FUNNY, NAT-CHAN.
WELL, I CAN'T GO TO YOUR GIRLS-ONLY SCHOOL, AFTER ALL.

AGEHA-CHAN, I GOT A CELL PHONE.
It has a camera.
HERE'S THE PHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL. TEXT ME!
WOW, THANKS!
Sure!
Undaunted!
MAMORU...
SUCH A GENTLE BRUSH-OFF.
It's quite charming.
?
I COULD'VE TOLD HER, BUT...
HE WANTED TO HAND IT TO YOU HIMSELF.
Truly, so charming.
MAMORU...
THEY GET ALONG SO WELL!
It must be fun to have a brother
bye bye!
SEE YOU LATER, THEN!
I'M NOT GIVING HER TO YOU.
Sigh...
AGEHA-CHAN'S AWFULLY CUTE
DETERMINED!

BUT WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE, I'LL GIVE YOU MY FULL SUPPORT
BUT I SUPPOSE IT'S BETTER FOR HER TO BE ANGRY THAN SAD
MAMORU DON'T LEAN ON THE DOOR
What are you talking about? You're the one who fell in when the door opened
I'LL BE A BIT LONELY
EVEN IF IT'S WITH ENVY OR FRUSTRATION...
TO HAVE ONE'S HEART DOMINATED BY THOUGHTS OF ANOTHER...
THE PROBLEM IS
IT'S NO FUN AT ALL
I really have to check him out
HER TRUE FEELINGS

She got a 1 mailbox when she was training before
THAT REMINDS ME
I'VE NEVER SENT ONE TO AZIGAKA-SAN
A TEXT...


SO MANY STARS IT SHOULD BE SUNNY TOMORROW
It's sparkling here too!

Y'KNOW..
BEING APART..
MAKES ME THINK ABOUT HIM MORE
IT'S FUNNY.
A PHOTO-ATTACHMENT OF THIS TWINKLING SKY!
NAH. WOULDN'T COMPARE TO THE REAL THING.
Hahaha!! It's too dark..
THESE MOMENTS ARE BETTER LIVE, I GUESS...
IF ARISAKA-SAN WERE HERE, HE'D SAY HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS.
Too bee...
Smiling and un-ashamed
2-A
AGEHA-CHAN, WHAT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, SIGN AND BLOOD TYPE?
HMM? I'M A CLASSIC TYPE B

AGEHA-CHAN, IS THERE ANYONE CUTE WHERE YOU WORK?
HUH? WHAT?!
I LOVE THINGS LIKE THAT!
Whoa!
LET'S DO IT!
AH.
THIS MONTH'S HOROSCOPE?
Totally sparkly!
AND COMPATIBILITY READINGS!
Note-taking sign
YOUR LOVE FORTUNE IS GOOD.
GOOD OR BAD, IT'LL INFLUENCE YOU.
Scary
Really?
THE SEASON OF LOVE IS HERE!
Yosssh!
BUT...
All right!
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE "NICE GUYS."
Quiet sniffle, one pony.
Which is which?
AND? HOW IS IT?
I GUESS HE'S HANDSOME.
Oh, we're still on that topic?
WOW, WE'D LIKE TO SEE HIM.
I'LL BRING A PHOTO NEXT TIME.
In my cell phone.
EVERYONE'S HAVING A GOOD TIME.
MAYBE IT'S SILLY, BUT IT'S STILL FUN!
Hmm, right?
WAH HA HA!
Boo hoo!
Kee!
YOUR LUCKY ITEM IS ANYTHING STAR-RELATED.
How cute!

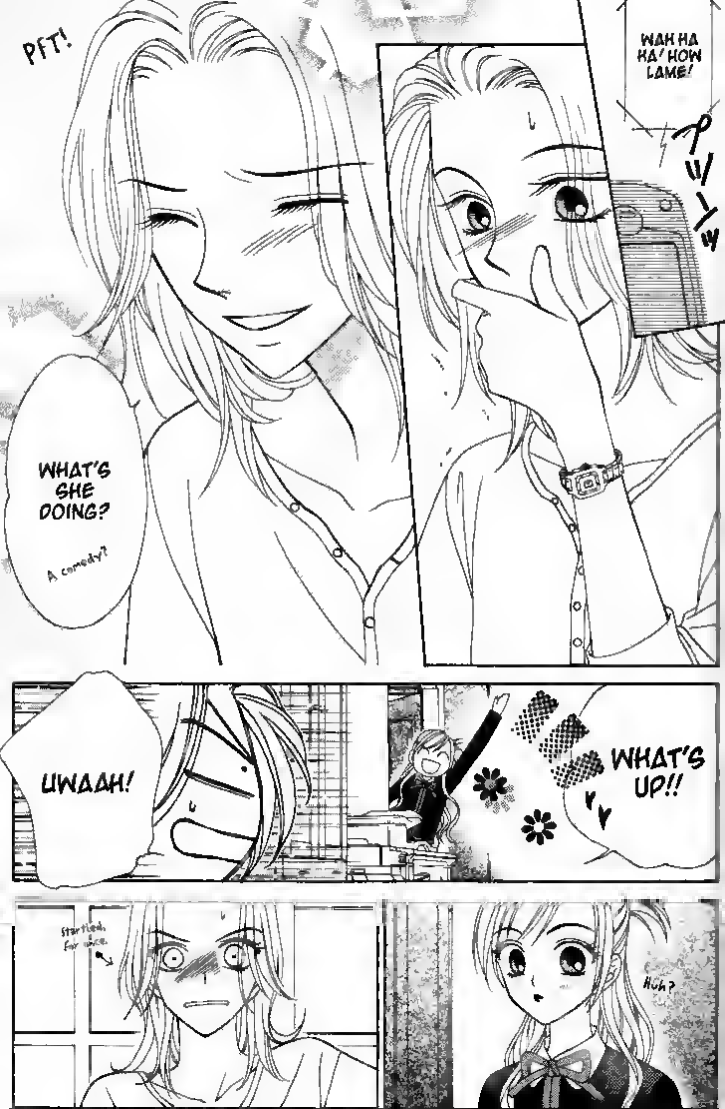
AGEHA-CHAN, IS THERE ANYONE YOU LIKE?
NOT AT THE MOMENT
Ahem!
THAT WAS SUDDEN!
MINATSU-CHAN, YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS STUFF
BUT I ONLY BELIEVE THE GOOD PARTS
HA HA HA!
Hee.
OH NO, I'M GETTING MAD
Wait?
I THINK HE BUGS ME?
OR GETS ON MY NERVES??
WHAT IS IT THAT BOTHERS YOU?
Hmm...?
Unsh
Be unkempt people with fleas but be neat and not smell stupid.
Ooh the first blossom of love?
UM... BUT... MAYBE A LITTLE BIT...

I...
I WANT TO BE IN ARISAKA-SAN'S INNER CIRCLE.
ARISAKA-SAN CAN BE A SMUG JERK, BUT...
..I KIND OF ADMIRE HIM.
HE WORKS SO HARD...
AND WHEN THE TIMING'S RIGHT, SOMETIMES HE LAUGHS, AND...
LOOKS LIKE YOU REALIZED SOMETHING
I WANT TO MAKE PRETTY THINGS TOO!!
Where did that come from?
Whoa
What gives?
I GUESS...
HMM, HE DOES GET UNDER MY SKIN
Hrm...
I must discover his weakness!
I'M FREE.
WELL, WHAT ABOUT YOU, MINATSU-CHAN?
Back to the main topic!
BUT YOU'RE SO CUTE!

THERE AND HERE, EVERYONE...
HEH!
WHAT A SWEET SMILE.
AH-HA...
MINE IS AN UNREQUITED LOVE
EVERYONE GLITTERS IN THEIR OWN WAY.
AH!
HEY
LET'S TAKE A GROUP PHOTO.
SURE!
You can't leave it at that!
Yikes!

I WONDER IF WE GLITTER TOO?
YUKARI-KUN.
IGN'T THAT THE OTHER WAY AROUND?
I'LL TEXT YOU IF I GET LONELY.
CHU
Be back in a jiffy!
NO THANKS
YUKARI-KUN, YOU SHOULD REST A BIT.
THEN I'LL DO THIS
Even if you can't sleep, just close your eyes for a while.
AWWWW
DON'T "AWWWW" AT ME!
MITSU
NO IT'S JUST SO QUIET HERE.
HOW COME YOU'RE SPACING OUT? SLEEPY?
I'LL GO PICK UP THE DRESSES.
Got it.

AGEHA?
LADEE LAH LAH LEEE
GOT A TEXT ALREADY?
.....
BEEP
A PHOTO?
WHAT? REALLY? YOU'RE SERIOUS?
ACK! IT RECORDED THE WHOLE THING?!
GYAAA
Monkey?
Kee! Kee!
IT DIDN'T GO "CLICK"?
AH! IT'S GONE TO VIDEO MODE!


PFT!
WAH HA HA! HOW LAME!
WHAT'S SHE DOING?
A comedy?
UWAAH!
WHAT'S UP!!
Star light, Star bright...
Huh?

HAH! WHAT FRAGILE HEART?
I THOUGHT MY FRAGILE HEART WOULD BREAK
Aargh
HOW DARE YOU CONFUSE ME LIKE THAT!
UH... YOU... THE THINGY FROM SCHOOL...
AH, WERE YOU SLEEPING?
Whoops, my bad
OH, I SENT IT FROM RIGHT OUTSIDE
THE SEXY GIRLS-ONLY SCHOOL-- A SECRET GARDEN OF DELICATE BLOSSOMS!
THE AGEHA SCHOOL REPORT.
OH HO HO
HO HO!
HOW DID YOU LIKE MY SPECIAL SERVICE?
AGEHA
Huh?
What?
Monkey?
Kee! Kee!
Kee!
FORGET THAT.
AND THE MONKEY?
That's different!

I HAVE TO LEARN THE ROPES FAST
I WANT TO SHOW YOU THAT I'M A SUPER-USEFUL WORKER!
ANYWAY, GIVE ME A GOOD JOB
WHAT, YOU JUST REALIZED THIS?
YOU ARE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL, I GUESS
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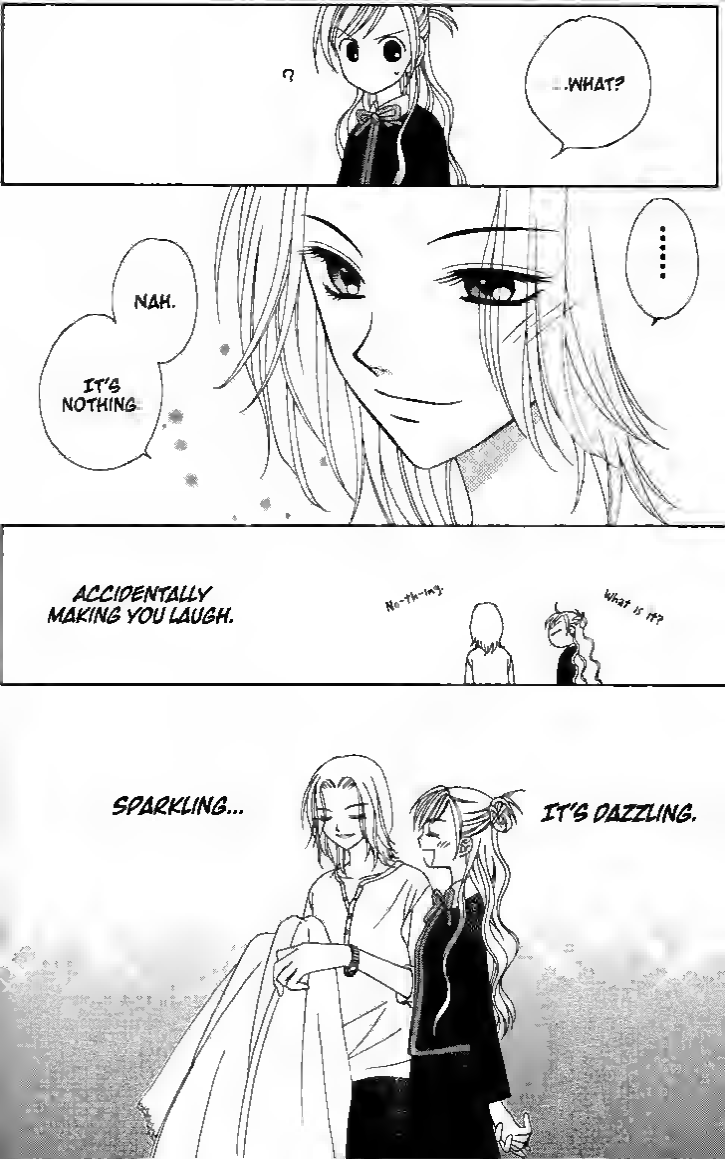
Slim's pat pat
But that was great!
Waah, I'm such a dork!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...WHAT?
.....
NAH.
IT'S NOTHING.
ACCIDENTALLY MAKING YOU LAUGH.
No-thing.
What is it?
SPARKLING...
IT'S DAZZLING.

Episode 8

JUNE: THE CHANGE OF SEASON, THE START OF SUMMER, THE BEGINNING OF THE MONSOON.

AND HERE WE HAVE A MAN WITH A ONE-TRACK MIND.

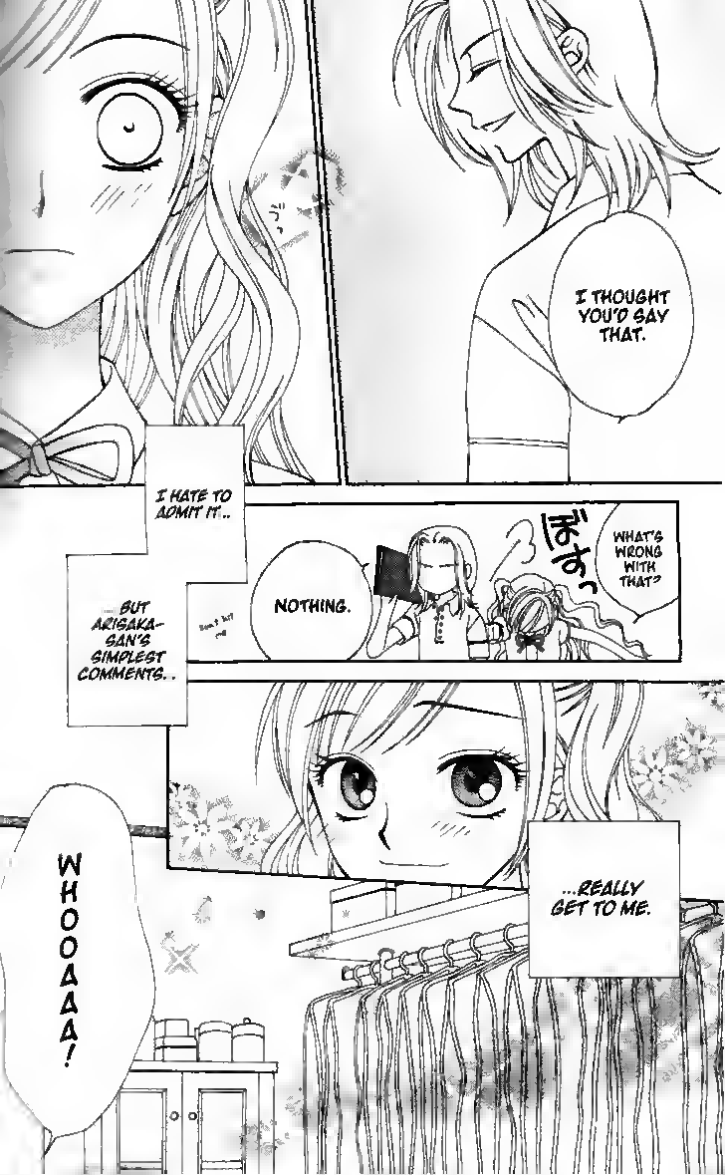
DON'T GRAB MY ARM!
No hugging!!
It's evening after school, so she's in uniform.
HOW EXQUISITE!
How lovely valkyrie!
WHAT A PAIN.
BUT I DO WANT TO TEACH YOU-- HAND IN HAND, AND WITH GREAT INTENSITY!!
You've read at me, now!!
HAS ENTERED ITS FINAL STAGE
Ha ha ha!
Or I'll stab you with my needle
IF YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT TEACHING ME, STAY AWAY!
AW, COME ON, AGEHA-CHAN! I'M ALWAYS SERIOUS
GAH!
YOU CAN'T TEACH IF YOU'RE GLOMMED ON TO MY ARM.
GAH!
MITSUYA'S DISEASE

HEY?!
YOU TOO, ARISAKA-SAN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Y'KNOW, GIRLS' UPPER ARMS
BUT THEY FEEL GOOD ANYWAY. NICE AND COOL.
I love it!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SHAME-LESS?!
FEEL A LOT LIKE BREASTS
Yeah, Yukari kun. You feel manly
Mine aren't soft at all
Totally Blunt!
I have more padding than you
Enough already
RIRIKO-SAN!!
YOU TWO, DON'T MESS WITH THE GIRL.

WHAT? HOW OLD IS SHE?!
YOU'RE TWELVE YEARS OLDER THAN AGEHA. AT LEAST
IF ONLY I WERE TEN YEARS YOUNGER.
Sigh
What did you come here for?
The thin just feels different.
I thought she was in her early 20s
Aww... How nice!
Part twelve.
HER MORNING SICKNESS IS BETTER
Pregnant sister who got married in chapter IV
SHE'S COMING OVER TONIGHT
Lovely!
AGEHA-CHAN, HOW IS HIBARI-CHAN?
HUH? SHE'S FINE.
Uh-oh!
YOU TALKING TO ME?
HMM?
YES, OF COURSE!
IT'S HARDER WHEN IT'S SOMEONE IMPORTANT
AH I KNOW
THE HOUSE IS LONELY WHEN ONE PERSON'S GONE
YOU HEAR THAT, MITSUYA?
SOB
SOB
Sister complex

WHAT?
DOESN'T KUROMINE-SAN LIVE HERE?
HA HA HA!
YOUR WORDS HURT MY EARS
YOU'VE BEEN STAYING HERE FOREVER
YOU OUGHT TO GO HOME OCCASIONALLY
I'M COMFOR-TABLE
WELL, I'M NOT UNCOM-FORTABLE
YOU'RE UNCOM-FORTABLE AT HOME?
THE ROOM HE USES WAS MINE, UP UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO
He took it over
I MIGHT AS WELL, RIGHT, YUKARI-KUN?
OH? HUH.
BUT YOU HAVE A GREAT JOB!
It's not something just anyone can do, y'know.
I'M GETTING A LITTLE FLACK FOR CHOOSING TO DO WHAT I LOVE HERE ..
...SO IT'S HARD TO GO HOME.

AW, YOU'RE SO CUTE, AGEHA-CHAN!!
YOU THINK SO?
GYAAA!
GOT IT.
TAKE THESE THREE TO ROSA, THEN...
YUKARI, THIS ONE, THAT ONE AND THAT DRESS...
Ha ha. I can taste metal...
WHEEZE
If he'd only stop that
NODE! BUT NOW I REALLY WANT TO!
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE COSTUME ROOM?
SINCERELY'S A GOOD QUALITY
IF THE SIZE IS RIGHT
Ah-ha!
WE RECYCLE THEM AS RENTALS
IF THE CUSTOMER DOESN'T BUY THEM...
Hm. It our catalog.
WHAT IS IT?
DRESSES WE CUSTOM-MADE


I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT.
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I HATE TO ADMIT IT..
BUT ARIGAKA-SAN'S SIMPLEST COMMENTS..
NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
...REALLY GET TO ME.
WHOOAAA!

WHAT?
WHERE DID YOU SAY MY DREAM ROOM WOULD BE?
YOU REALLY LOVE DRESSES, DON'T YOU
We also call this the storage unit
THE DRESSES HERE ARE BAGGED..
...UNLIKE THE ONES DOWN AT ROSA. SO THOSE SEEM MORE GLAMOROUS.
The accessories are there, too.
IT'S FULL OF DRESSES!
YOU BET I DO!
frilly and glittering!!
I LOVE HOW THEY MAKE GIRLS LOOK LIKE PRINCESSES!
WHAT?
Are you laughing at me?

UM...
Nah
...DIED TWO YEARS AGO.
ARISAKA-SAN'S FATHER..
NO, MY DAD DID THE MAJORITY OF THEM.
DID YOU MAKE ALL THESE, ARISAKA-SAN?
Daw! I love the Pink ones. Cute!!
Nitwit
YOUR FACE GIVES YOU AWAY
DON'T HOLD BACK
WHAT?
Gosh
HEY!
EH?
Ha ha!
DID YOU HEAR FROM HIBARI-SAN?
I kinda wanna feel...
A FATHER HAD THAT FACE?!
Yeah, minus the frown lines
My soul is normal
SHUT UP
YEAH, I LOOK LIKE MY DAD
WHAT WAS YOUR FATHER LIKE?
I'VE GOT HIS FACE RIGHT HERE

Yukari Aoi's memories from 1st Grade
HE ALWAYS HELPED PEOPLE IN TROUBLE
HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS WORK
DAD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THIS LATE?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO BED?
HIS NAME WAS AOI-SAN.
YIKES! LIKE KUROMINE-SAN?
ESPECIALLY TO WOMEN.
HE WAS A REALLY KIND PERSON
No, don't make!
THAT'S LECHERY, NOT KINDNESS.
Yeah.
Don't confuse the two!
DADDY HAS TO FINISH THIS BY TOMORROW.
EH?
YUKARI
PAPA AOI AGE 35
IT'S AN EMERGENCY
Too bad
YOU TOOK ANOTHER IMPOSSIBLE JOB, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU..
Grin!
IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
DAD..

ARISAKA SENIOR, YOU'RE AMAZING!
But he's so sweet.
I had to help... I couldn't ditch him.
Not again... ammiit. Guess I'm helping.
He seems easy-going, but he always gets his own way
Ah, with the knee kick!
ONCE HE MAKES UP HIS MIND, HE STOPS LISTENING.
HE JUST SMILES AND DOES WHAT HE WANTS.
Feh!
Oh?
WHO COULD THAT BE?
OH? DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE SOMEONE WE KNOW?
Sigh...
YEAH, THAT'S WHY HE KEPT PUSHING HIS LIMITS.
OH.
I'M NOT THAT STUBBORN.
YOU TWO...
AAH!
MITSUYA, YUKARI PUSHES HIS LIMITS WITHOUT THE SMILE
That's true
Tsk tsk!
Cut it out.

HE LOOKS HAPPY.
Yukari, you're great at this ♥
Of course!
HE MUST HAVE LOVED HIS FATHER.

Pudding! Pudding! Pudding!
HOW WAS YOUR CHECK-UP?
GOOD TO SEE YOU, HIBARI.
I BROUGHT MY SPECIAL HOMEMADE CREAMY PUDDING.
WELCOME BACK, AGEHA.
COULDN'T BE BETTER! ☆
(I'm already eating) mine ♥
Richard out working.
YOU KNEW HIM, HIBARI?
THEY WERE CLOSE.
ARISAKA-SAN TOLD STORIES ABOUT HIS DAD.
OH... Y'KNOW... TODAY...?
SHOULD YOU HAVE PUDDING BEFORE DINNER?
OR, RATHER...
ACTUALLY, THE DOCTOR WARNED ME TO WATCH MY WEIGHT.
WHEN I SAW YOU EATING YOURS, I COULDN'T RESIST.
I gained a bit too much, it's awful!
Well, it was delicious!

I love shoes ♥ I have all the sandals Ageha wears. The ones in chapter 13 are especially comfortable. I love them.

Rhinestones sparkling.

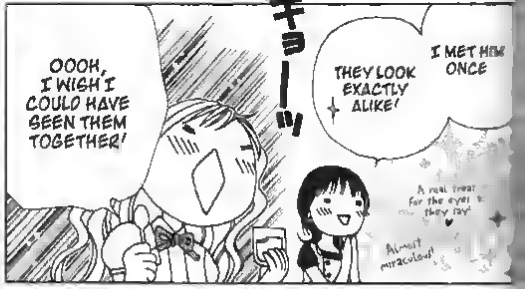
Jewelry sandals

I bought boots in August this year. I can hear the voices now: saying there's no point buying boots when I never leave the house♪ But I like to have them just in case. If I ever need them, I'll be prepared.

Substitute: Ageha fan

Cowboy boots!

Gosh, Ageha's hair is long...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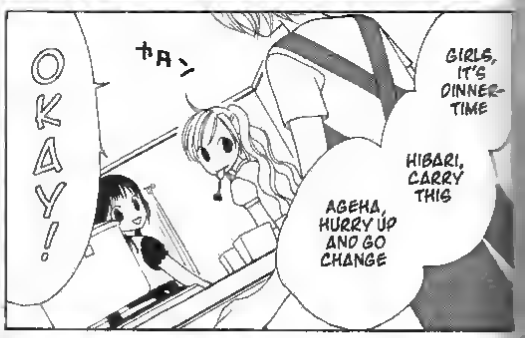
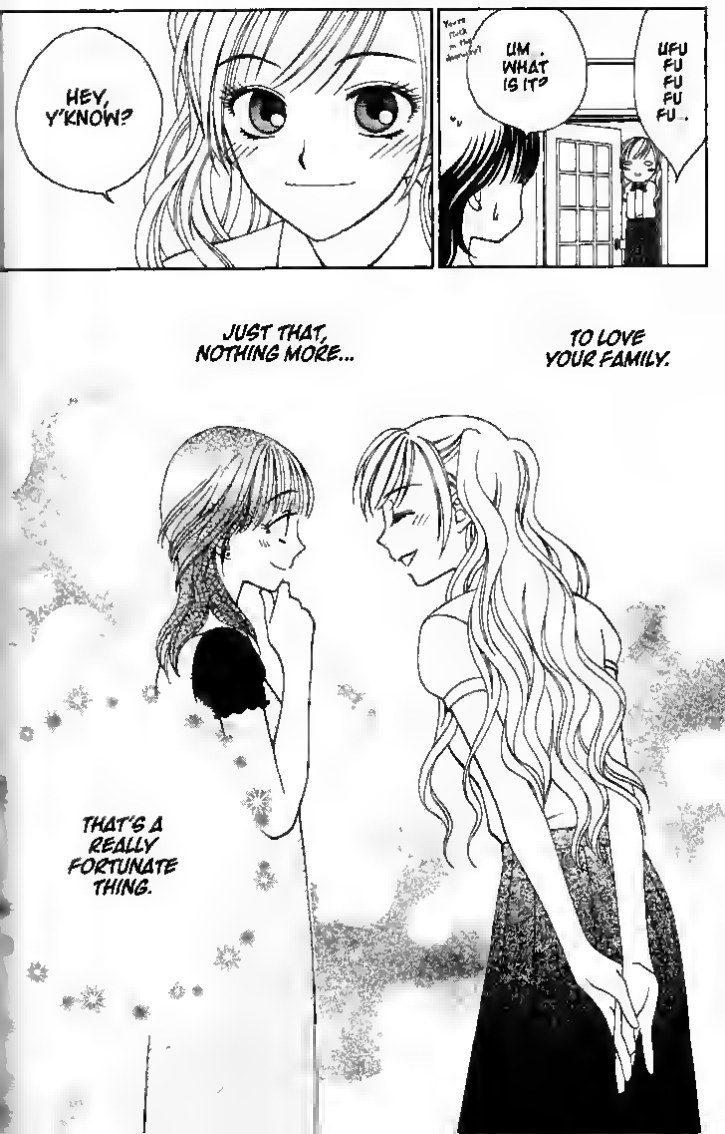
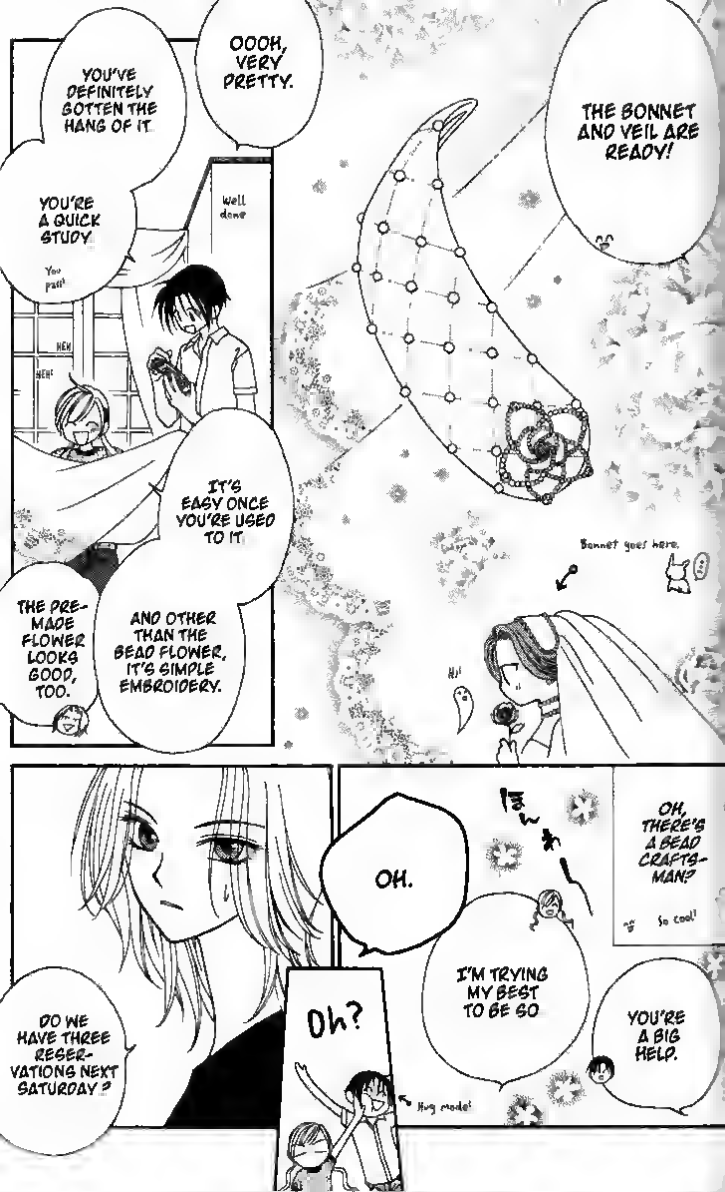
OOOH, I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN THEM TOGETHER!
THEY LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE!
I MET HIM ONCE
A real treat for the eyes, they say!
Almost miraculous!




HEY, Y'KNOW?
You're rude to the downstairs!
UM. WHAT IS IT?
UFU FU FU FU FU.
JUST THAT, NOTHING MORE...
TO LOVE YOUR FAMILY.
THAT'S A REALLY FORTUNATE THING.

SO...
IT WAS EMBARRASSING TO SAY SO
BUT AFTER HEARING YOU, ARIGAKA-SAN
...I JUST FELT LIKE I HAD TO
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING?!
HUH?
I'm telling a good story.
SHUT UP, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN
WHAT ARE YOU TEARING AWAY AT THIS TIME?
A DRESS.
I CAN SEE THAT.
Pretty on You.
How does it look?
THE CUSTOMER FROM THE FITTING YESTERDAY...
...NEEDS A REGIZE
SO WE'RE ADJUSTING IT.
That's a shame
AH.

SOME CUSTOMERS GET SO STRESSED OUT FROM WEDDING PLANNING
THAT THEY GAIN OR LOSE WEIGHT
SO WE DO OUR BEST...
...TO CUSTOM-ALTER THEIR GOWNS
HE'S BEEN FIXING IT SINCE YESTERDAY
He should sleep
Aaaa
Hee
ARISAKA-SAN, YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR DAD
It's kinda cute.
HAH?
How do you know?
NEVER MIND
DONE!


OOOH, VERY PRETTY.
YOU'VE DEFINITELY GOTTEN THE HANG OF IT.
YOU'RE A QUICK STUDY.
You pair!
Well done
HEH
HEH
IT'S EASY ONCE YOU'RE USED TO IT.
THE PRE-MADE FLOWER LOOKS GOOD, TOO.
AND OTHER THAN THE BEAD FLOWER, IT'S SIMPLE EMBROIDERY.
THE BONNET AND VEIL ARE READY!
Bonnet goes here.
Hi!
OH, THERE'S A BEAD CRAFTS-MAN?
So cool!
OH.
I'M TRYING MY BEST TO BE SO
YOU'RE A BIG HELP.
Oh?
Hug mode!
DO WE HAVE THREE RESER-VATIONS NEXT SATURDAY?

AGEHA, YOU FINISHED THE BONNET AND VEIL.
YES, WASN'T I FAST?
Yay!
SUNDAY'S PACKED TOO.
AND ONE TO BE FITTED FOR THE DRESS WE'RE DOING NOW.
YES. TWO TO DISCUSS THE DESIGN...
NEAT, ISN'T IT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME IN NEXT SATURDAY.
THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO DO
REALLY?!
WELL, IT'D TAKE TOO LONG TO TEACH YOU.
Direct!
OF COURSE-- YOU CAN TELL AT A GLANCE.
Oh.
Hm.
MAYBE THAT WORKS OUT BETTER.
WHAT?
THANKS.

OH. GOOD FOR YOU. GO HAVE FUN.
MY FRIEND WANTED TO INTRODUCE ME...
...TO HER CUTE NEW FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL.
Now we can do Saturday or Sunday!
KUROMINE-SAN, YOUR DIRTY THOUGHTS ARE LEAKING FROM YOUR MOUTH.
Totally dirty.
Ah ha!
A GATHERING OF CUTE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
YES, HER!
THE ONE WITH THE AGEHA SERIES?
OH.
KUROMINE-SAN,
DID YOU MEET A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WITH LONG BLACK HAIR AT A BOOKSTORE IN FEBRUARY?
FEBRUARY, BOOKSTORE...
SHE'S TALL.
Kraft paper
WHAT KIND OF MEMORY IS THAT?
LONG BLACK HAIR, MINI-SKIRT, SAILOR COLLAR-- AN ORIENTAL BEAUTY!!
Yeah, baby!!
In a sailor suit?
Big bro loves sailor suits!

WHAT IS IT?
MY ALMA MATER.
WHAT?!
You're smart?!
HOUJOU...
DOES A SAILOR UNIFORM MEAN SHE GOES TO HOUJOU?
HER NAME IS MAMORU SAKASHITA.
SHE'S NICE AND SLENDER AND BEAUTIFUL
You're one to talk
THAT'S A BOY'S NAME...
ARISAKA-SAN, IF YOU WANT HIM OFF YOUR HANDS, NOW'S THE TIME!
I'LL CONSIDER IT.
Ouch ouch!
IF HER FRIENDS ARE PRETTY, BRING THEM TOO.
Thanks!!
CHU!
NEXT TIME YOU COME, BRING MAMORU-CHAN ♡
YES?
ASEHA-CHAN, AREN'T YOU A JUNIOR?
YOU'D HIT ON A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR?!
UM...

I DON'T THINK KUROMINE-SAN..
WHAT?
What are you checking?
WELL
HEE
IS REALLY MAMORU-CHAN'S TYPE
With conviction!
FRILLY CAMISOLE
3/4 LENGTH CARDI-GAN
ROLLED UP DENIM JEANS
LOW SAN-DALS
SATURDAY
Were you?
WAAH WAAH
Just kidding! ♥

HEY, SAKASHITA!
OVER HERE.
WHY?
I'M JUST GLAD YOU DION'T WEAR A KILLER MINI-SKIRT OR SOMETHING
SORRY FOR THE DELAY.
I NOW PRESENT AGEHA, LIVE AND IN PERSON!
WHAT?!

UH..
BOYS?!
SHE'S SO CUTE!!
WHOOOOA! FANTASTIC!
?!
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OOH! YOU GOT US!
SHE'S A TOTAL HOTTIE
Ah ha ha!
A fight for sure eyes!
YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST SAKASHITA
SHUT UP, AKIYOSHI
HUH? WHAT?
WHAT IS IT?
I WOULDN'T LIE, YOU KNOW.
BUT...
Beautiful!
HUH HU HU HU HU

He isn't a girl?
I GET IT
I SEE NOW WHY SAKAGHITA BRAGS ABOUT YOU
THANK YOU, AKIYOSHI-KUN.
...
"MY FRIEND IS SUPER CUTE!!"
...IT'S NOT AN OBJECTIVE JUDGMENT.
He's very frank.
The beginning of the dispute.
WHEN A GIRL'S LIKE...
BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU TWO...
THAT'S A SECRET.
MAMORU-CHAN, YOU BRAG ABOUT ME...?
WAH HA HA HA HA!
NONE AT ALL!
HEY! GUARANTEE IT, DAMMIT!
I MAKE NO GUARANTEE ON WHAT'S INSIDE.
SAY IT AGAIN!!
At least look me in the eyes!!

EXCUSE ME
MAY I FEEL YOUR ARM?
YOU BETTER SMILE WHEN YOU SAY THAT
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OOH, MUSCLE
I WAS SURPRISED
BUT WE ARE CUTE!
WE ARE! AREN'T THEY?
ABSO-LUTELY!
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE TWO GUYS HERE
SHE SAID YOU WERE CUTE, SO I FIGURED YOU WERE GIRLS
ENOUGH ALREADY!
GOOD THING SHE PICKED YOUR ARM TO PROVE THAT
Ha ha ha ha ha!
YOU ARE A GUY.
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU.
THESE ARE MY CLASS-MATES.
I'M SHIZUYA KUROMINE!
REI AKIYOSHI GENDER MALE PLEASED TO MEET YOU
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING? HEE!

AH.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'M MAMORU'S FRIEND. MY NAME IS...
.....
AGEHA SHIROI...?
DOESN'T SHE KNOW?
WAIT A MINUTE...
YES?
SHIZUYA KUROMINE-KUN....
YOUR NAME....
NO WAY!
IS "SHIZUYA" SPELLED ...
...WITH THE CHARACTER "TSUYA," THAT MEANS "GLISTEN?"
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
SAKAGHITA, DID YOU TELL HER?
IF I HAD, AGEHA WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SURPRISED TO MEET YOU.
HIS SMILE IS SO FAMILIAR, TOO.
Y...
MAY I ASK?
AGEHA?
YOU'RE NOT, BY ANY CHANCE, RELATED TO SOMEONE NAMED...

MITSUYA
AGEHA-CHAN WOULD HAVE LIKED TO WATCH IT
TAKITA-SAMA'S FITTING IS NEXT
SURE
CAN WE DO THIS AFTER THIS MEETING?
WHAT?
MITSU
YOU WON'T GO HOME..
YOU'RE PESTERING AGEHA.. I MEAN, MORE THAN USUAL.

IS IT BECAUSE OF YOUR BROTHER?
YEAH
WE'RE CLOSELY RELATED.
MITSUYA IS MY BIG BROTHER.
It's a small world.
KUROMINE-SAN, YOU HAVE A BROTHER?!
YOU KNOW HIM?
YOU LOOK ALIKE.

Episode 9

...IS KUROMINE-SAN'S BROTHER.
MAMORU-CHAN'S CLASSMATE...
This!
Big bro.
IF THEY HAD THE SAME HAIR, THEY'D LOOK LIKE TWINS.
WHAT A SURPRISE.
WHEW!
YOUR KUROMINE IS ALSO AGEHA'S KUROMINE?
NOTHING'S GOING ON BETWEEN US.
Ha ha!
It doesn't match up.
MY BROTHER AND A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL...
MY BROTHER AND A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL...
BINGO!
OH...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! MAMORU-CHAN, DO YOU REMEMBER?
SORRY, BUT EXACTLY HOW DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
What?
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HIT ON HER?!
HITTING ON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS...!
Bloop?
OOPS, SORRY I SAID THAT IN FRONT OF A FAMILY MEMBER.
Oh my
It had to be Sakashita, too.
Way to go, bro.
OH, THE GUY WHO ASKED ABOUT MY BAG.
YOU KNOW THE GUY WHO HIT ON YOU AT THE BOOKSTORE IN FEBRUARY
THAT WAS KUROMINE-SAN!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT HE'S UP TO.
WHAT THE HELL, MAN?!
DID HE MAKE ANY OTHER TROUBLE?
TROUBLE...? WELL...
Uh...
KURO-MINE, DID YOU PASS OUT?
He looks hurt
MAMORU-CHAN, CAN'T YOU BE MORE DIPLO-MATIC?
SHE'S RATHER UPSET ABOUT HOW HE PERVS ON HER ON A DAILY BASIS
TO BE PER-FECTLY FRANK...
Reality: your brother, Shizuo-kun.

UH MAN. THIS IS AWFUL.
IT'S ALL HIS FAULT.
WAAAAH!
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
Changing topic?
YOU GUYS, DON'T IGNORE ME!!
SHOULD WE ORDER SOMETHING?
HIS FAULT?
SO, THE PLACE WHERE I WORK...
...IS ALSO WHERE YOUR BROTHER WORKS.
DO YOU KNOW IT? IT'S CALLED V.B. ROSE.
YOU MEAN...
WHERE MEN SEW DRESSES?
...THAT CREEPY PLACE?

What's your problem?
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE RUDE ABOUT IT.
THEY MAY HAVE PERSONAL ISSUES...
YES, IT'S NOT POLITE TO CRITICIZE PEOPLE'S BELOVED PART-TIME JOBS.
BUT IT'S A REAL BOUTIQUE AND THE DRESSES ARE FABULOUS
NOPE, NOT POLITE AT ALL!
DAMMIT, YOU GUYS, JUST HEAR ME OUT!
WHAT I'M SAYING IS...
WHAT MY BROTHER IS DOING NOW IS TOTALLY OUT OF CHARACTER
Mitsuya in high school! <Shizuya's version>
HUH?
HE WAS AN A STUDENT AND AN ATHLETE, TOO
HE HAD SO MANY OPTIONS. THE WORLD WAS AT HIS FEET!
SO WHY WOULD HE PICK SEWING OF ALL THINGS?
I CAN'T GET OVER IT! IT'S RIDICULOUS!
SOMETHING ABOUT HIM...

EVERY OTHER SENTENCE WAS, "YUKARI ARISAKA." "YUKARI ARISAKA." WHO CARES ABOUT YUKARI ARISAKA?!
AND WHEN I DID...
WE DIDN'T SPEAK MUCH AFTER HE STARTED AT THAT PLACE.
IT'S LIKE THE WAY I USED TO BE!!
I hated Hibari's boyfriend/lover/husband because I loved Hibari... too much.
DON'T CALL IT A COMPLEX!
HARD-CORE.
SHIZUYA-KUN SEEMS TO HAVE A BROTHER-COMPLEX ♪
He'll talk your ear off
Dumb...
It's sweet ♥
Rei-chan grew up to be cool.
WHAT'S TO BE PROUD ABOUT? IT'S UNCOOL AND WUSSY!
This is embarrassing. It's like looking at my own reflection.
I HOPE HE COMES TO GRIPS WITH THIS SOON
BUT YOU KNOW...
Seriously
IT'S REALLY AN AMAZING JOB! YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!
HE'S MYSELF FROM THE PAST!!
HE CHANGED AFTER HE GOT MIXED UP WITH THAT GUY.
"This is just like how we were!
My heart can't take this!
心臓に悪い!
KUROMINE-SAN, WHAT KIND OF BROTHER WERE YOU PRETENDING TO BE?!

I'M SAYING IT'S NOT WORTH QUITTING COLLEGE FOR!
HOW NARROW-MINDED! ARE YOU SAYING MEN CAN'T MAKE DRESSES?!
WHAT?
TWO YEARS AGO.
HE'S BECOME DISTANT.
ISN'T THAT WHEN ARISAKA-SAN'S FATHER DIED?
HE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE, AND FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, HE'S NEVER AROUND.
HE HARDLY EVER CAME HOME..
.. AFTER HE GOT INVOLVED WITH THAT PLACE.

Is that...
SO THESE BROTHERS DON'T SPEAK AT ALL?
JUST THINKING ABOUT IT PISSES ME OFF.
EVEN TWO YEARS LATER.
Wow.
THAT'S WHY KUROMINE-SAN MOVED INTO VBR.
ARISAKA-SAN WOULD HAVE TRIED TO DO EVERYTHING BY HIMSELF.
VELVET AND ROSA WOULD HAVE BEEN IN CHAOS THEN.
BYE BYE.
SO I WON'T BE HOME FOR A WHILE.
TAKE CARE, SHIZUYA!
へらっ
YUKARI-KUN NEEDS ME BY HIS SIDE.
I QUIT COLLEGE BECAUSE THE BOUTIQUE IS SO BUSY. ♪
I already got Dad and Mom to sign off on this.
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN MY BROTHER INVOLVED.
Well, you...
THERE WAS A REASON...
YUKARI ARISAKA SUCKS.
I CAN SEE HIM SAYING THAT.
HOW COULD HE BLOW OFF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES LIKE THAT?!
Our parents let him get away with murder.

DON'T YOU DARE TALK LIKE THAT! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...
I'M SO MAD!

カタン
UH.
WHAT?
I'M LEAVING.
カツ
カツ
カツ
カツ
HUH?
SUPER EXTRA-STUPID HELPLESS IDIOTIC DIMWIT.
I WARN YOU..
タ〜ン
WHAT..
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOU. ♪

Many of you readers who know my Akiyoshi Family series or Next It's You may be surprised. How can Rei be all grown up now? For those who do not know him from earlier, that's fine (LOL) No problem story-wise! But for those who are interested, please take a look!) Promoting in a small voice ♪

I love it when characters cross over from one series to another

But it's funny how Rei grew up influenced by his two older sisters. He still resembles Kazuha.

I hope to write stories about the other characters, but I want this story to focus on Ageha. I really need to stop Ageha from getting involved with all these other people! Good luck to me! Good luck to Ageha!! Somehow it will all come together.

Although that was pretty scary...

Rei grew up to become super dirty.

I DON'T KNOW IF I'M ENRAGED, OR SYMPA-THETIC.
I SPOKE SO HARSHLY TO MY SISTER
I WAS LIKE A KID THROWING A TANTRUM
I UNDER-STAND NOW.
THAT'S WHY ARISAKA-SAN WAS ANGRY.
V·B
SO I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT!
KUROMINE-SAN, ARE YOU HERE?!

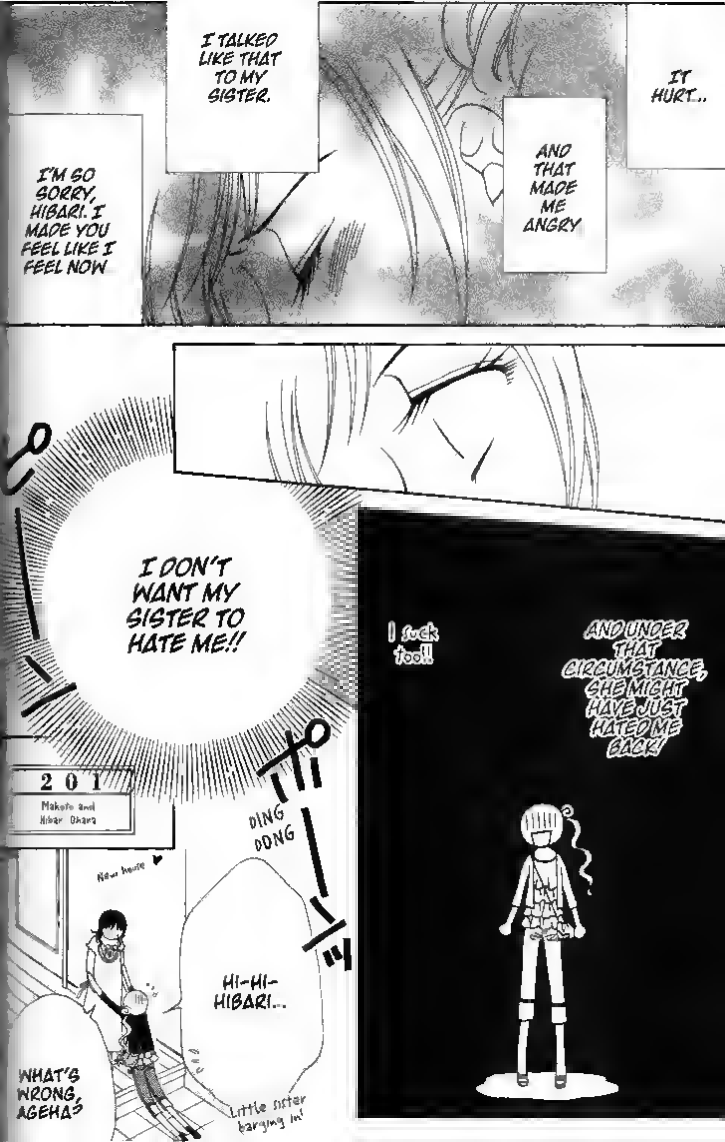
AGEHA-CHAN?!
Y'IKES!
Bride here for a Fitting.
Groom
.....
OH MY!!
A PRINCESS!!
.....
Instant Friendly Atmosphere!
How sweet!

EXCUSE US FOR A MOMENT
Goodness...
YOU!
GAAAAH
SORRY, SORRY, IT SLIPPED MY MIND.
I WAS JUST SO TICKED OFF AT SHIZUYA HIROMINE.
DON'T BARGE IN LIKE THAT WHEN A CUSTOMER'S HERE!
ガバッ
ズゴゴ
ゴゴゴ
I love that she called me a princess
She's new here
SHIZUYA?!
WHOA
WHAT A COINCIDENCE
The work's all done.
SHIZUYA AND YOUR FRIEND ARE CLASSMATES
So he was the friend she introduced you to.
I WAS SURPRISED TOO.

HE SAID MEAN THINGS ABOUT HIS BROTHER AND ARIGAKA-SAN.
WHAT'S WITH HIM? HE MADE FUN OF OUR DRESSES.
GRRRR...
AREN'T YOU BOTH ANGRY?!
I'M JEALOUS VIVA HIGH SCHOOL LIFE WITH PRETTY GIRLS!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
I ADMITTED THAT I WAS WRONG!
HA.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR THAT FROM YOU
SHIZUYA'S NOT AROUND, BUT I CAN STILL PLAY WITH AGEHA-CHAN, SO I'M NOT LONELY.
AS IF, YOU MORON.
AH-HA
"Hyper Combo ON. Full throttle"
BUT..
BUT HE'S...
YOU TALKED TO SHIZUYA, HUH?
HE GETS LIKE THAT AROUND ME
I DON'T THINK ABOUT IT MUCH.
IT'S NOT A SECRET.

HA.
PEOPLE CAN SAY WHATEVER THEY WANT.
I DON'T THINK I'M DOING ANYTHING WRONG
SO WHO CARES?
WHY ARE YOU SO AGGRAVATED?
WHY SHOULD YOU BE SORRY?
PUFF.
IT'S TRIVIAL
IT'S ABOUT YOU, SO YOU OUGHT TO CARE!!
CALM DOWN, AGEHA-CHAN.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY ABOUT MY BROTHER
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING ANGRY AT SOMEONE WHO DESERVES IT!!
YEAH, BUT WHY DOES HE?

OF COURSE IT MAKES ME MAD WHEN SOMEONE SAYS YOU SUCK!!
He said that?
UNBELIEVABLE. I'M GOING HOME.
...
しゅん
MAN
WHO LIT A FIRE UNDER HER ASS?
Hmmm
MY BROTHER, I GUESS?
カツン カツン カツン
WHY ARE THEY SO NONCHALANT?
THEY CAN'T GET RUFFLED ABOUT ANYTHING BUT WORK.
WHAT SHIZUYA SAID SHOCKED ME
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE


I TALKED LIKE THAT TO MY SISTER.
IT HURT..
AND THAT MADE ME ANGRY
I'M SO SORRY, HIBARI. I MADE YOU FEEL LIKE I FEEL NOW
I DON'T WANT MY SISTER TO HATE ME!!
I suck too!!
AND UNDER THAT CIRCUMSTANCE, SHE MIGHT HAVE JUST HATED ME BACK!
201
Makoto and Hibari Ohara
DING DONG
New house
HI-HI-HIBARI...
WHAT'S WRONG, AGEHA?
Little sister barging in!

BUT BUT BUT BUT.
I WOULD NEVER HATE YOU
WHAT?
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
STILL STILL.
Can't protect thought now
I DON'T WANT YOU TO HATE ME!
PANIC
必死
OKAY?
ああああ
ああああ
GURGLE
ぐぎゅる
GROWL.
I LOVE YOU!!
Extra-attacked to her sister

SO I'M HAPPY YOU CAME OVER TO KEEP ME COMPANY!
MAKOTO-KUN HAD TO GO TO THE OFFICE THIS SATURDAY
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
YOU GET CRANKY WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY
I FORGOT TO EAT LUNCH TODAY
There's Jello too.
Yes, please
あ~あ
R-kun made the sandwich
THAT'S TRUE ONE-THIRD
...MAY HAVE BEEN ME VENTING OVER THOSE TWO..
キュンッ♥
I love the Asaba show
One-third?!
Calmed down a little

I will!!!
Come again
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE
SOME SIBLINGS FIGHT ALL THE TIME, BUT...
SHIZUYA STILL RESPECTS HIS BROTHER, EVEN IF HE CAN'T FORGIVE HIM.
Huh?
THERE'S ALWAYS A SECOND CHANCE TO MEND A BROKEN RELATIONSHIP
Brother-complex!
See?!
IT'S NOT LIKE HE HATES KUROMINE-SAN
Hee

HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?
YEAH.
This is embarrassing
CAN YOU APOLOGIZE TO AKIYOSHI-KUN FOR ME?
IT'S FINE.
He's cool.
MAMORU-CHAN?
SORRY ABOUT TODAY
AGEHA?
IT'S SAD THAT PEOPLE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER CAN GROW SO DISTANT.
BEEP
MAMORU-CHAN
090
Hello.
I HAVE A PLAN.
Love you lots.
HEE.
I PUT A LITTLE PRESSURE ON KUROMINE-KUN, TOO.
I LOVE YOU, MAMORU-CHAN! ♡
Sigh
My sister's being scary again.
GO ON
UFU FU FU!

MONDAY, AFTERNOON
AAAAWW... NO WAY!
ABOUT TIME YOU GAVE IN.
LET GOOOOOO!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE A TALK WITH YOUR BROTHER
NO, HE COOPERATED BEAUTIFULLY. ♪
BACK ENTRANCE
YIKES!
Gotcha!
CAPTURED!
Predator Ayaka
Sakashita said she was somehow important to tell you.
What??
She'll be at the back entrance.
AKIYOSHI, YOU JERK! YOU TRICKED ME!

THAT'S NOT A REASON!
BECAUSE I'M MAD AT YOU. STOP RESISTING.
And now in custody!
WHY ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THIS?
WHY?
BUT AKIYOSHI SAID...
I TOLD YOU TO GROW UP.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, AKIYOSHI?
WHAT ABOUT M?
Dkaaaay!
THEN...
WHY DID YOU COME?
It's a beautiful place, you'll love it!
Listen to me!
YOU REALLY COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM TWO DELICATE GIRLS?

Made her cry, she cried.
SAKASHITA'S ABNORMALLY PROTECTIVE OF HER
I think so, anyway.
AND YOU HAVE HISTORY WITH HER.
OUCH.
You will.
Akiyoshi-kun's so cute I'd like to be friends!
WELL.
WHY?
YOU SHOULD MAKE FRIENDS WITH THAT GIRL, AGEHA SHIRO!
She's an animal!
Akiyoshi, do people often say you're devilish?
HOW DID HE KNOW?!
HURRY UP!
What was it?
BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND, IT DOESN'T MATTER
SAKASHITA'S OPINION OF YOU CAN'T PLUNGE ANY LOWER, AFTER ALL

WHAT?
THAT'S FINE.
OTHERWISE IT'LL BE CONFUSING, SINCE YOU'RE BOTH KUROMINE
OH, MAY I CALL YOU SHIZUYA-KUN?
Crazy woman!
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'VE GONE ALL QUIET.
ALTHOUGH THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON I CAME.
He's so fast!
I THINK YOU'RE GONNA BE IMPRESSED.
YOU SHOULD SEE KUROMINE-SAN WORK.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR AWHILE, RIGHT?
HOW COME I DIDN'T ESCAPE?
I'LL SEE HIM.
WOULD YOU RATHER AVOID HIM?
HOW COME?

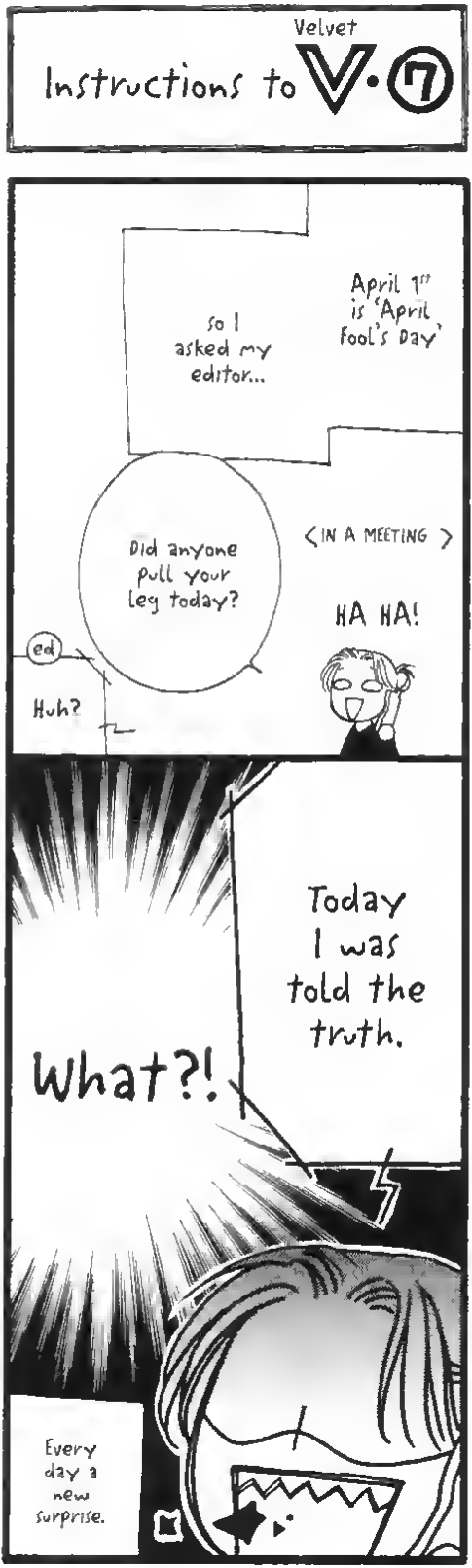
♣ WITH SOUND ♣
HOW COULD I REFUSE SUCH A LOVELY LADY?
SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU'LL GO OUT WITH ME...
YOU'RE ALL TALK.
...WHENEVER YOU'RE FREE SOME EVENING?
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
NO, I'M NOT!
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
...I DON'T THINK THIS IS QUITE SO IMPRESSIVE.
SOMEHOW...
Then how far would you go?
HA HA
You're funny
As far as I could without making our host jealous.
HA HA!
A hmm...?
That Rosa's three beautiful children in uniform!
Son of bum, engineer and waitress
ROSA
VELVET
Bye bye!

SHIZUYA?!
SURPRISED
SORRY, I BROUGHT HIM.
He's acting normal...
PAT PAT PAT
YOU DID?
SORRY I DIDN'T WARN YOU
Yeah
NOT AT ALL! IT'S A PLEASANT SURPRISE.
UM.
LONG TIME NO SEE HAVE YOU GOTTEN TALLER?
WOW...
WHAT'S UP?
ISN'T THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT?
AH...

MITSUYA
OH, MAMORU-CHAN!
YOU BROUGHT HER FOR ME!
IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!!
OH.
HUHHH?!
GOOD-BYE
PERFECT TIMING! I WAS JUST MAKING TEA
KUROMINE-SAN! WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORK?!
GASP!
ピュルルー
COULD THIS... HAVE ACTUALLY PULLED THEM FURTHER APART?

Velvet
Instructions to V·6
Auto-send function. Very useful for faxing pencils. The copies pile up on top of the cover.
I pile lots of paper on top of the copier.
THIS
HERE
Cover it holds the papers in place
HUM HUM HMMM!
Copy copy
Once when I was trying to copy...
Wait?
Is that dust on the glass?
ぴよしっ
Bwaah!

It really hurt.


Instructions to Velvet V·7
April 1st is 'April Fool's Day'
so I asked my editor...
Did anyone pull your leg today?
ed
Huh?
<IN A MEETING>
HA HA!
Today I was told the truth.
What?!
Every day a new surprise.

Episode 10

I ALWAYS RESPECTED...

...AND WANTED TO EMULATE...

...MY BIG BROTHER.

I HEAR YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH SHIZUYA?
ARE YOU CLOSE? I'M JEALOUS.
"they have the same vibe"
GOT A MINUTE?
BUT THAT WAS...
Big brother hitting on high school girl during work!
ドヨオオオ
...NOT THE WAY HE ACTS NOW!
Little brother shocked at the sight

IT STARTED WHEN HE MET THAT GUY.
WHERE'S THE PERFECT BROTHER OF MY MEMORIES?
AAAH... I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE'S THINKING
WHEN DID HE GET SO FLIRTY?
DILEMMA
葛藤。
Read the text before
UM, KURO-MINE-SAN...
WHAT'S UP?
Peppy!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAT?"
THAT GUY...
MITSU, YOU STILL THERE?

THIS GUY...
YUKARI...
YUKARI-KUN!!
ARISAKA.
がし
ギリ
HMM
YOU'RE A TAD TALLER, BUT YOUR SMART MOUTH HASN'T CHANGED
ギリギリ
IRON CLAW
GAAAH!
アイ

ARE YOU OKAY, KUROMINE-KUN?
HE JUST DOES WHATEVER HE FEELS LIKE...
ラーン
WHERE'S THE CATALOGUE WE WERE LOOKING AT YESTERDAY?
OH, THAT ONE.
I'll give it back.
THE ONE HE ALWAYS BLAMED..
WAS ARISAKA-SAN.
SHIZUYA-KUN IS BRISTLING WITH FURY.
YOU BASTARD...
NOW I GET IT.
Memory Academy kick
...about the depths of the mind.
You just noticed now?
THIS IS A SITUATION.
OH, AGEHA, THERE YOU ARE.

AS IF I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU, YOU ARROGANT PRICK!
SHI-SHIZUYA-KUN!
HE'S GONNA END UP LIKE ME!
EVERYONE, CALM DOWN.
KYAAA!
TOO LATE!!
UH-HU.
I CAME HERE TO SEE IF HE WAS SERIOUS ABOUT HIS WORK...
YOU DRAGGED MY BROTHER DOWN THIS PATH OF WEIRDNESS!
...BUT HE JUST FLIRTS WITH GIRLS, RUNS STUPID ERRANDS...
...AND IGNORES ME!

HE'S COMPLETELY CHANGED
I CAN'T STAND SEEING YOU ACT LIKE THIS
YOU SUCK!!
HUH?

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.
Vol.1
Ch.1
Whoa.
Outside the gates
DON'T TALK LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT'S WHAT.
WHA
YOU JERK-OFF! WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
I'M THE PRESIDENT, DAMMIT!!

EVERYTHING I DO...
...I DO FOR THE BOUTIQUE AND ITS CUSTOMERS.
LISTEN UP, YOU LITTLE PUNK.
PRESH
ALL THE EMPLOYEES ARE LIKE MY HANDS AND FEET.
AS LONG AS THEY WORK HERE..
SO IS MITSU.
THEY BELONG TO ME!
YAH!
I DON'T LET RUDE LITTLE BRATS BARGE IN AND MOUTH OFF TO THE HELP.
YOU MORON... YOU LOSER... YOU OCTOPUS!

TCH!
AH!
I GOT IT
MA-CHAN
NEVER SHOW YOUR FACE HERE AGAIN!

YOU'RE SO COLD, ARISAKA-SAN.
YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST HEARD HIM OUT
YOU THREW HIM OUT WITHOUT EVEN LETTING HIM SPEAK.
About what?
POOR SHIZUYA-KUN AND KUROMINE-SAN—
I love Shizuya.
WHAT WILL YOU DO IF YOU MADE THEIR RELATIONSHIP GET EVEN WORSE?
HUH? WE HAVE A BAD RELATION-SHIP?!
UM...WELL, ACTUALLY...
Let's worry about your brother's hurt feelings.
He's pretty independent, so we'd better leave him alone for now.
SIGH.
He's pretty shy, too.

WHAT?
AREN'T YOU MISSING THE POINT?
NOT ALL SIBLINGS ARE CLOSE, ARE THEY?
IT'S JUST YOU WHO THINKS THEY NEED TO BE.
DON'T FORCE YOUR OWN BELIEFS ON PEOPLE.
NOT EVERYONE HAS THE SAME VALUES AS YOU.
THIS SITUATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

NOTHING TO DO...
...WITH ME?
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DON'T SAY THAT
DON'T SAY THAT
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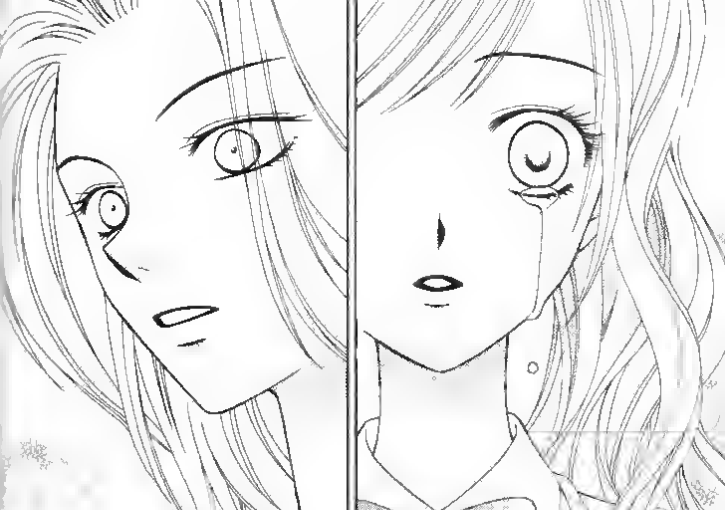
DON'T SAY THAT.

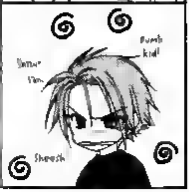


AGEHA!

BUT...!
YUKAKI-KUN, THAT WAS A LITTLE HARSH

No.
YOU WERE ANGRY TOO.
THERE'S NO POINT DRAGGING IN A THIRD PARTY.
IF THE PEOPLE IT BELONGS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
THIS KIND OF PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SOLVED.
BWAH HA!
HA HA! YOU TWO ARE IDENTICAL!!
I DON'T LET ANYONE INSULT MY FRIENDS!!
THIS IS ALL YOUR DOING, SO DON'T LAUGH!
I could weep for joy.
YES ...
...IF IT'S ONLY ABOUT VALUES.
HUH?
IT'S A PRIVATE MATTER BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR BROTHER
Sigh
So really...
WHY DID IT MAKE HER CRY?

ISN'T AGEHA-CHAN ONE OF US NOW?
"IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU."
IT'S SO SAD.
SAD...
ARISAKA-SAN'S WORDS STABBED ME LIKE KNIVES.
AND PAINFUL.



We're ganging up on him

MAMORU-CHAN...
WHY DOES IT HURT SO MUCH?
DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?

MAMORU-CHAN.
AM I NOSY?
HE SEEMED TO WANT TO BE ALONE.
SO I LEFT HIM ALONE
SORRY I MADE A FUSS
IS SHIZUYA-KUN OKAY?
It's fine
ズバ
YOU TAKE OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES SO PERSONALLY.
YES, I SUPPOSE SO
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IF THEY DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED, THAT DOES SEEM NOSY
BUT...
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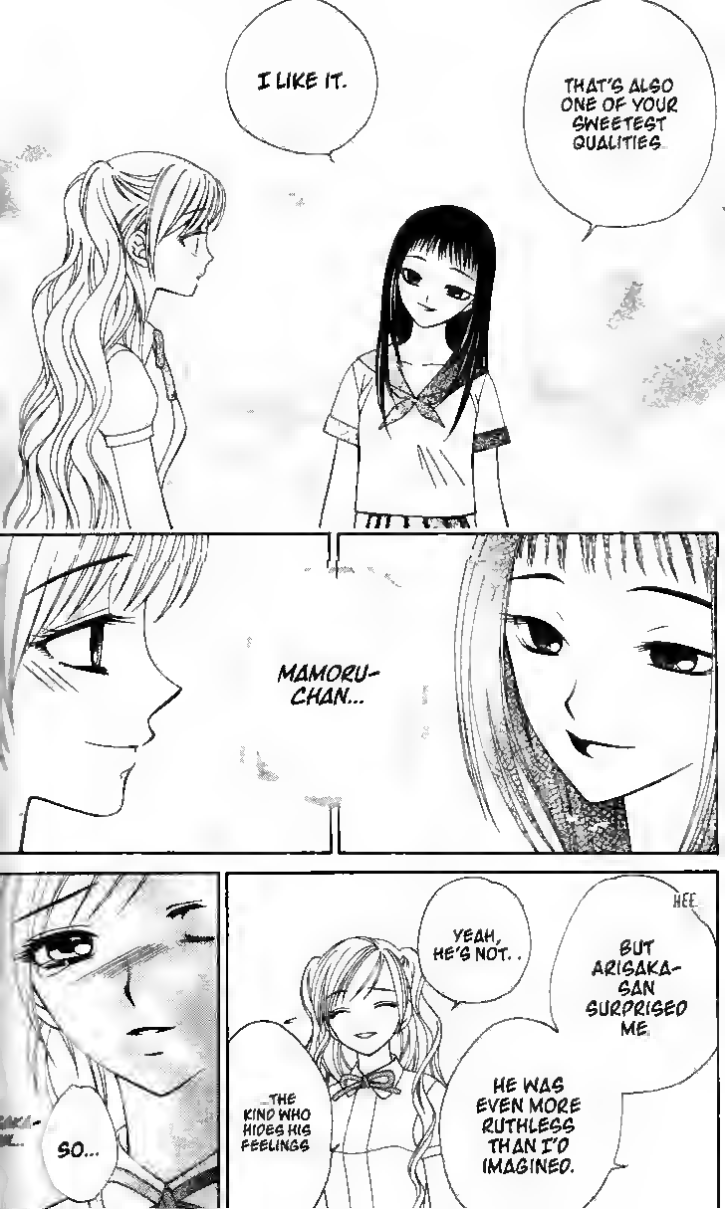
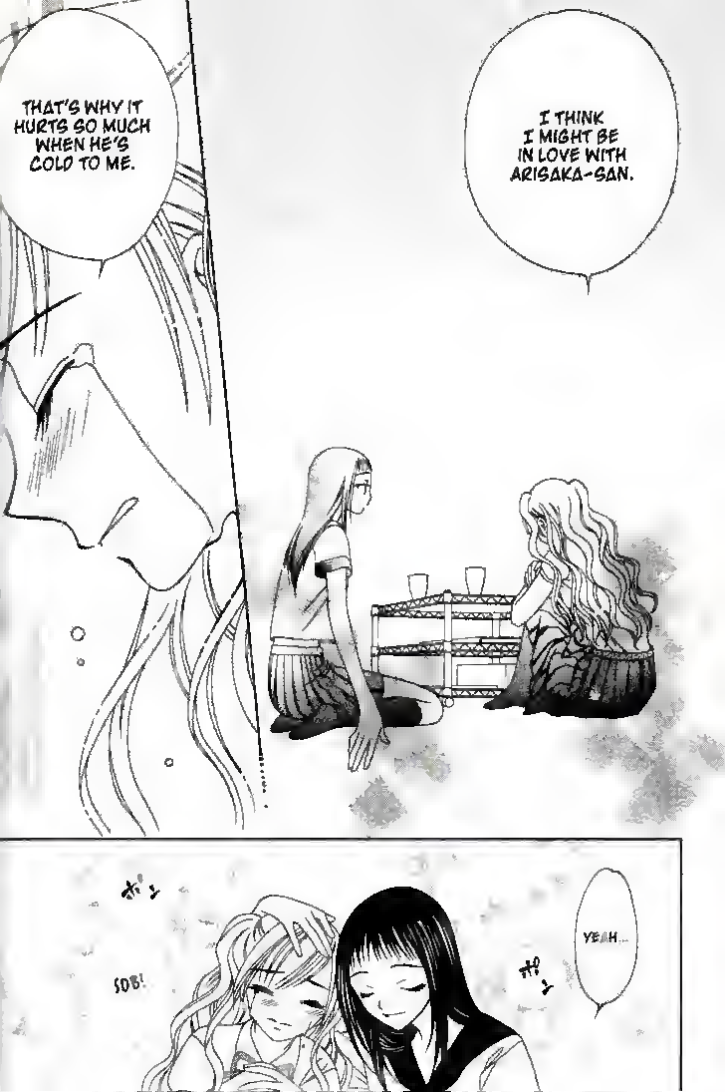

I LIKE IT.
THAT'S ALSO ONE OF YOUR SWEETEST QUALITIES.
MAMORU-CHAN...
SO...
—THE KIND WHO HIDES HIS FEELINGS
HE WAS EVEN MORE RUTHLESS THAN I'D IMAGINED.
BUT ARISAKA-SAN SURPRISED ME.
HEE
YEAH, HE'S NOT. .

JUST SAD.
SORRY
HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW?
NGH--!
SAD!
MY HEART ACHES.


I THINK I MIGHT BE IN LOVE WITH ARISAKA-SAN.
THAT'S WHY IT HURTS SO MUCH WHEN HE'S COLD TO ME.
SOB!
YEAH...

BUT THINKING ABOUT IT NOW, WE HAD SO MUCH FUN...
Calm down
ON BREAK

IF HE'D SAID THAT EARLIER.

I...

I...!

.. I'D HAVE BEEN MAD.

WHEN...

WHEN HE SAID IT WAS NONE OF MY BUSINESS...

WHEN ARISAKA-SAN SAID THAT...

BUT I COULD HAVE HANDLED IT.

SO BLUNTLY...

OUTSIDERS ARE OUTSIDERS! FAMILY IS DIFFERENT
HE'S PICKY ABOUT WHO HE CONSIDERS FAMILY
I KNOW
It's funny, really
I HOPE NOT.
WELL, AGEHA
I DON'T THINK ARISAKA-SAN MEANS TO BE CRUEL
WHAT?
BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY
THAT.
AAGH!
I KNOW I KEEP STICKING MY NOSE IN..
I KNOW, I'M A SLOW LEARNER.
I THINK IT'S VERY YOU.
TEE HEE!
IS STUBBORNNESS A GOOD TRAIT OR A BAD ONE?
DEPENDS ON THE SITUATION.
SHIZUYA-KUN IS MISSING OUT SINCE HE WON'T LEARN ABOUT HIS BROTHER'S JOB!

GOOD IDEA.
Got it!
WHILE I'M THERE, I'LL MAKE A SMALL STATEMENT. ♡
TO START WITH, I'LL APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING THEIR WORK.
JUST DON'T PUSH IT TOO FAR
復活!!
REVIVED!

BUT...

I HOPE ARISAKA-SAN WILL LISTEN.

I HOPE

HE SLEEPS CLUTCHING A SKETCHBOOK, WITH A FROWN ON HIS FACE.
I'D BETTER LET HIM SLEEP WHEN HE CAN
Sorrow over choice
Yen
By Mitsuya
Lovely & Limited
HE'S ASLEEP. AGAIN!
AND I WAS SO NERVOUS COMING HERE, TOO!
BUT AT MY SISTER'S WEDDING...
A BOSSY WORKAHOLIC...
.. WHO YELLS AND CURSES
THE HAND THAT LED ME
.WAS SO STRONG.
AND SPEAKS HARSHLY
HE HAS A SHORT FUSE

HOW LONG WERE YOU PLANNING TO STARE AT ME?
にっ
AND KIND.
!!
YOU'RE AWAKE!
Yawn
I SLEEP LIGHTLY
Since when?
OOPS
YOU'RE COVERED IN DUST.
GET THAT BRUSH THERE.
GET IT!
WHAT?
Covered with thread trippets.

SO?
HUH?
WHAT DID YOU COME TO SAY THIS TIME?
OH..
He's figured out my behavior patterns?!
UM.
UM
HERE
LINT BRUSH
OKAY
I WENT TOO FAR BEFORE.
I'M SORRY
I...

OR...
THEY MAKE ME SAD...
EVERY SINGLE WORD HE SPEAKS...
THEY MAKE ME ANGRY...
THEY MAKE ME ABSURDLY HAPPY.

AW. WHY ARE YOU CRYING NOW?
Gimme a break!
SHEESH!
COME ON, AGEHA.
STOP CRYING?
GAVE UP. (BEE)
FINE! IT'S MY FAULT!
AMMM!
WELL
IS IT MY FAULT?
KUROMINE-SAN
Welcome back
I'm back
OOOOH, YUKARI-KUN MADE AGEHA-CHAN CRY AGAIN!
IS IT?
THEN PLEASE LISTEN TO ME. ♪

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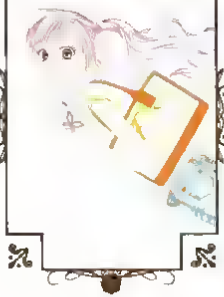

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The first panel on the last page of chapter ten...
My assistant's reaction was...
The page right before this page...
Work time!
Yukari-san's committing sexual harassment!!
What?!
Is that not okay?
His arm is around her hip!!
Oh, that's true...

I received letters from fans as well

He's allowed (heh!)

HEY!

Episode 11

It's getting late
IT'S FUNNY, BUT...
LET'S HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.
ONCE I REALIZED THAT I LOVED ARISAKA-SAN...
But it was hot outside
YUKARI-KUN, YUKARI-KUN
WHY DON'T WE TALK ABOUT IT WHILE WE EAT?
IT'S NOT LIKE SAYING, "I LOVE MY SISTER!" ♡
Like spring.
I BECAME A NERVOUS WRECK!
Flowers are dancing around me...
YEAH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

HEY, AGEHA
YES?!
STAY AND HAVE DINNER WITH US
WHAT?!
CALL YOUR HOME AND LET THEM KNOW
AH
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL DRIVE YOU HOME.
OKAY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
GOOD THING HE'S SO BOSSY
It's reassuring.
BUT.
YAY! I'M GETTING A RIDE. ♡
wait
WHICH ONE IS DRIVING ME HOME?
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN ARIGAKA-SAN DRIVE.
So it'll be kinky kurosawa san!
Love is wonderful!
She makes her own happ-nin!
certainly never tire of watching this creature

WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK OF DISBELIEF?
YOU DON'T TRUST MY DRIVING?
I'm much better than that maniac hairstylist, Maki
NO I WAZ'D DINKING ANYOING LIKE DAT.
(Translation: No, I wasn't thinking anything like that)
HA HA! I'LL GET GOING ON THIS DRESS NOW.
WHAT?
...BUT IT LOOKED DREADFUL ON HER.
GASP!
YEAH, IT'S FOR ONE OF THE NEW CUSTOMERS.
OH, ARE YOU MAKING SOMETHING?
WE DION'T REALIZE TIL WE'D STARTED SEWING IT...

WE ENDED UP HAVING TO DESIGN A WHOLE NEW DRESS WE'RE DOING SECOND STITCHES NOW.
Fast, even! Yay!
Like this?
You already decided?
Layers! Layers!
Frills! Layers of frills on top of each other! Make them bellow out!
Then
もっと!
THERE WAS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT SHE WANTED
AND WHAT ACTUALLY LOOKS GOOD ON HER
She already has an image of what she wanted...
Bad choice.
Why?
Looks like a whale!
And I couldn't talk her out of it
SHE TRIED ON OTHER DRESSES AT ROSA
An elegant design like this would suit you better
Final decision!
A VERY DECISIVE CUSTOMER
IT DOES.
We still have things to learn, too.
THAT HAPPENS?!
AGEHA-CHAN, HAVEN'T YOU EVER FOUND
LOOK CUTE ON YOU?
THAT CLOTHES THAT LOOK CUTE DON'T NECESSARILY
YUP.
Oh, yes
Doesn't fit the boho style.
All the time
THEN

AM I GETTING IN THE WAY AGAIN?!
NOOOO!
...YOU'RE EXTRA BUSY NOW?
こくん
おそる
おそる
I'LL COME AGAIN LATER.
DON'T OTHER.
がしっ
Captured!
Dragged off
Time and again!
Come on, let's go.
Ack.
YUKARI, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT TODAY?
LET'S HAVE TUNA AND RADISH SPAGHETTI.
AGEHA-CHAN, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN'T EAT?
NO
SOMETHING LIGHT AND REFRESHING. NOODLES!
THEN THAT'S THAT! LET'S MAKE ENOUGH FOR THREE. WHERE'S THE CANNED TUNA?
So simple, Yay!
HUH?!
KUROMINE-SAN'S COOKING?
HE'S GOOD AT IT.

AND I CAN'T COOK AT ALL.
どっ
かり。
YES, I COULD SORT OF TELL.
I CAN SEE HOW YOU CAN'T LEAVE HIM ON HIS OWN.
They're living together?
DO-DOMESTIC PARTNERS?
ROOM-MATES! JUST ROOM-MATES!
ダン!
That is he never cave
YOU CAN PEEK INTO HIS PRIVATE LIFE ALL YOU WANT.
IT'S LIKE THOSE GOSSIP ARTICLES, "WHAT THE HOUSEKEEPER SAW."
YOU THERE! STOP SAYING WEIRD STUFF.
Hff hazh...
Heh
SO.

AGEHA-CHAN..
WHY DO YOU ARE SO MUCH ABOUT US BROTHERS?
UM...
IT'S ABOUT SHIZUYA, RIGHT?
WHAT WAS IT?
YEAH.
WELL, WHAT IS IT?
Oh, that's right...
Direct confrontation?
Um...
AH...
HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT SHE'S UP TO.
DOES YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIBARI-SAN...
MAKE YOU FEEL BAD FOR SHIZUYA?
THAT TOO.
...?
BUT...
BUT..

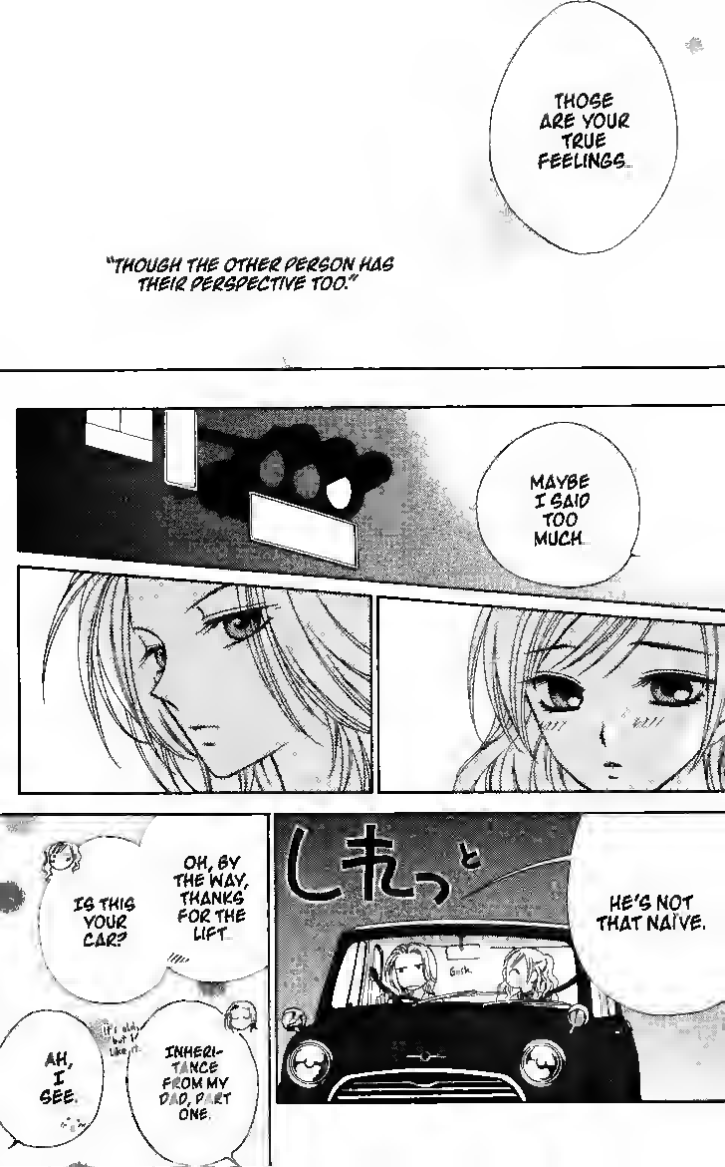
I WAS ANGRY.
ARIGAKA-SAN.
AND KURO-MINE-SAN
...DON'T DESERVE INSULTS FROM SHIZUYA-KUN!!

...WHEN HE MADE FUN OF YOU WITHOUT EVER WATCHING YOU WORK.
"HE CHANGED AFTER HE GOT INVOLVED WITH THAT GUY."
I DO UNDER-STAND HOW SHIZUYA-KUN FEELS
BUT...
IT'S A FABU-LOUS JOB!
YOU DO YOUR BEST FOR THE CUSTOMERS!
AND NEVER MISS A DEADLINE
I COULDN'T STAND IT...

Guy...
AGEHA...
THANK YOU.

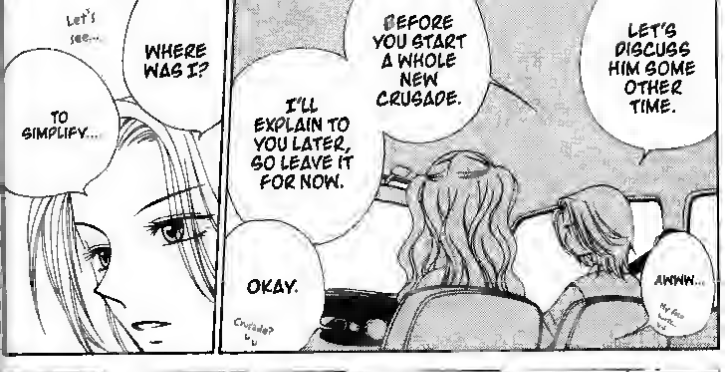
ME TOO.
IT'S GREAT TO KNOW YOU FEEL THAT WAY.
HUH?
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH!
FOR INSTANCE, TAKE AN APPLE.
THIS IS AN EXAMPLE, RIGHT?
IT'S JUST AN APPLE, A WHOLE APPLE.
YOU'RE WHOLLY IGNORING ME.
Are you picking a fight?

KUROMINE-SAN, DON'T YOU THINK SOMETHING'S WRONG?
YES MA'AM! ♡
THIS IS ALL YOUR DOING, SO DON'T LAUGH!
You sound just like Yukari-kun these days! Kah! ♡
YOU SAID YOUR FAMILY DOESN'T UNDER-STAND YOU.
AND THAT MAKES YOU SAD.
IDEALS AND REALITY DON'T HAVE TO CLASH.
"AGEHA-CHAN."
"...IT'S DISAPPOINTING."
YOU UNDER-STAND THAT.
"WHEN A PERSON YOU ADMIRE DOES THINGS YOU CAN'T RESPECT..."
...BECAUSE YOU'RE IN THAT SITUATION.


THOSE ARE YOUR TRUE FEELINGS.
"THOUGH THE OTHER PERSON HAS THEIR PERSPECTIVE TOO."
MAYBE I SAID TOO MUCH.
IS THIS YOUR CAR?
OH, BY THE WAY, THANKS FOR THE LIFT.
AH, I SEE.
INHERITANCE FROM MY DAD, PART ONE.
しれっと
HE'S NOT THAT NAÏVE.

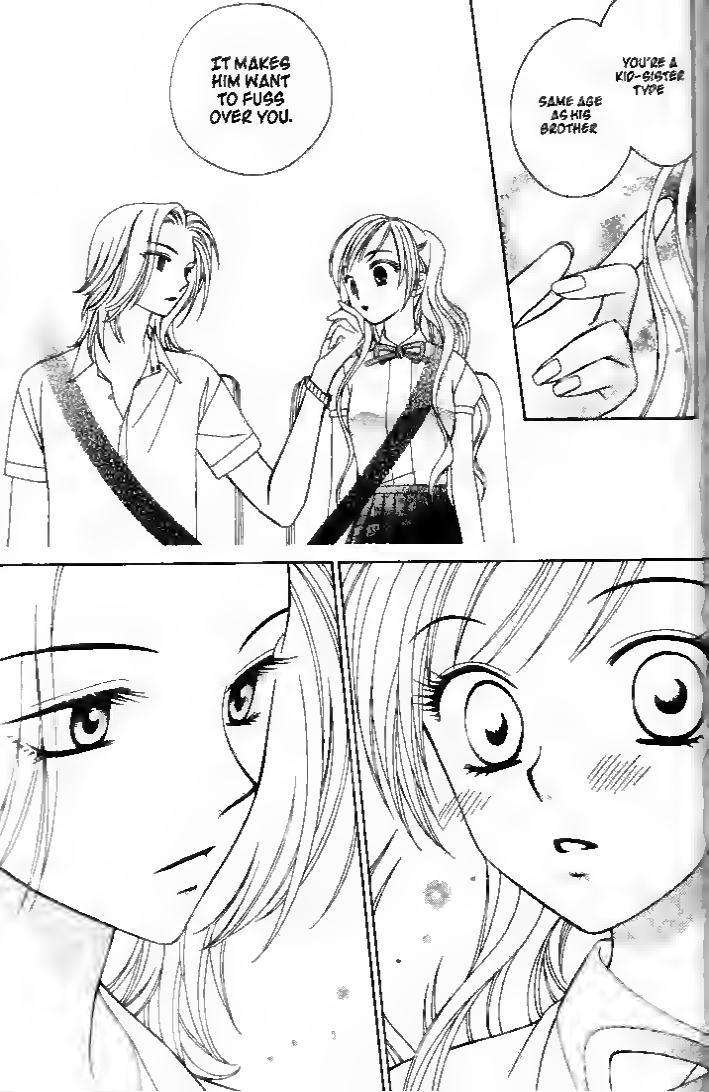
IT'S SO LITTLE AND CUTE
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THIS SORT OF CAR BEFORE ♪
HEY...
YOU KNOW WHY MITSU ALWAYS HANGS ALL OVER YOU?
WHY?
BECAUSE HE'S HORNY?
WELL, THAT TOO.
I figured
HE'S LIKE HIBARI-SAN.
HE LOVES HIS SIBLING.

SHIZUYA IS A STRAIGHT-FORWARD PERSON.
MITSU KNEW HOW HE FELT. THEY WERE HAPPY.
They had fun
Mitsu, Mitsu!
IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT.
I DO. ONE BROTHER
I DION'T KNOW YOU HAD A BROTHER!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN ONLY CHILD
HOW OLD IS HE? WHAT'S HE LIKE?
I never denied it
STOP.
WHAT?
Anyone who smiles at Mitsu shall be my enemy!
I MEAN... I LOVE MY BABY BROTHER TOO!
BUT THAT KID TOTALLY HATES YOUR GUTS.
What?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.


Let's see...
WHERE WAS I?
TO SIMPLIFY...
I'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU LATER, SO LEAVE IT FOR NOW.
BEFORE YOU START A WHOLE NEW CRUSADE.
LET'S DISCUSS HIM SOME OTHER TIME.
OKAY.
Crusade? ^_^
AWWW...
He has been... ^_^

STARTED DOING THINGS THAT HE NEVER EXPECTED
BUT TO SHIZUYA, THE BROTHER HE ALWAYS KNEW...
MITSU IS WHERE HE IS TODAY BECAUSE HE MET ME.

"I CAN'T STAND SEEING YOU ACT LIKE THIS!"
SO WHENEVER WE MEET, HE ACTS UP.
IT WAS A HUGE SHOCK


IT MAKES HIM WANT TO FUSS OVER YOU.
YOU'RE A KID-SISTER TYPE
SAME AGE AS HIS BROTHER

MY PERCEPTION'S CONSTANTLY CHANGING.
FOR SOME REASON
...I DON'T MIND ARIGAKA-SAN TOUCHING ME.
WE'RE HERE.
HUH?! OH!
Home
EVEN THOUGH AT FIRST, I WAS JUST LIKE SHIZUYA-KUN.
ARIGAKA-SAN COULDN'T HELP BUT DISS ME OFF.
SO, UH, THANKS!
KATCHK
HUH? I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT.
ARIGAKA-SAN ?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT SHIZUYA-KUN IS MISSING OUT ON WHO HIS BROTHER IS NOW?
AGEHA?

THEN..
I HAVE A PROPOSAL.
KUROMINE, ARE YOU GOING HOME?
HEY, AKIYOSHI
YES, RIGHT NOW.
BY THE WAY, DID SOMETHING GO DOWN BETWEEN YOU AND SAKAGHITA YESTERDAY?
WHY?
YOU'RE GOING TO A MEETING?

THAT'S YOUR EVIDENCE?
Let's ditch him.
SAKASHITA DIDN'T PLAY WITH YOU LIKE SHE USUALLY DOES.
So I assumed...
KUROMINE...
I BET SHE'S STILL MAD ABOUT YESTERDAY.
Sigh...
I'm pathetic...
!!
A TEXT?
Interesting ringtone.
I'm not.
Don't be so touchy.
I KNOW THAT WHAT I'M SAYING...
I DON'T THINK SAKASHITA IS INTERESTED IN YOUR IMMATURE THOUGHTS REGARDING YOUR BROTHER, SO IT WOULD BE USELESS EXPLAINING IT TO HER. EVEN IF SHE UNDERSTANDS, IT WON'T LEAD TO HAPPY FUN TIMES, RIGHT?
SHUT UP.
Try saying this long speech in one breath!
THAT MELODY...
...DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE.
Tweedle lee lee lazah!
SEE YOU, AKIYOSHI.
OKAY

.....
I'll drive you home.
Message
I'm in front of the school
HEH HEH
I had to pick up a drega and I'm on my way home
So don't tell Yukari I stopped by
I...

OKAY.
I WON'T APOLOGIZE ABOUT YESTERDAY.
I DON'T WANT TO WATCH...
...YOU BEING UNCOOL.
HEH.

THEY CARE ABOUT OTHERS AS MUCH AS THEIR OWN SELVES.
Y'KNOW, AT VBR.
..WE HAVE THIS QUEEN AND A PRINCESS.
THEY EVEN...
...CARE FOR ME.
THEY'RE REALLY PASSIONATE.
What's a queen?!
If the shoe fits
THAT'S WHY I DON'T CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY.
SO...

I'M PROUD OF MY WORK.
BUT..
IT HURTS THAT YOU STILL HATE ME.

This is the last side bar. Thank you so much for reading this far!♡

Thanks to all of you who helped me, and to all of you who read this book.

Page 162: The assistants' reaction when they saw Mitsu-sweet Shizuya in front of the school.

Kids

Mitsuya-san looks like he'll open the door any time!!

Oh!

He's so gentle. A gentleman. He's even a gentleman to his kid brother!!

Gentle?

This is the end of Volume 2, but hope you'll write me letters about it.

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I look forward to them!

It reads the right way now!

SAY HI TO MOM AND DAD FOR ME.

OKAY?

"

SEE YOU!

MITSU...

I DON'T HATE YOU.

THREE DAYS LATER
KUROMINE, SAKASHITA'S CALLING FOR YOU.
WHY? IT'S SAKASHITA
I'M NOT GOING
SHOULDN'T YOU BE HAPPY?
SHE'LL BE DISAPPOINTED IF YOU DON'T GO
You're the one who'll regret it
BUG OFF!
Humph!
KURO-MINE?
HEY!! I'M NOT A CAT, DAMMIT!
KUROMINE KUROMINE KURO KURO HEEEERE, KITTY KITTY!
TCH TCH TCH

Like in chapter nine
NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OF IT IF SHE'S SENDING THE MESSAGE VIA YOU.
Sorry
YOU NOTICED.
MY GOODNESS! HOW DARE YOU!
Doh
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT.

Meanie

YOU...

AGEHA SHIROI!
TA-DAH! AGEHA! ♡
YOO HOO! HOW'S IT GOING, SHIZUYA-KUN?
I CAME...
...TO SEE YOU. ♡

Banri Hidaka's Everyday Heaven!

IN AUGUST 2004 I HAD MY FIRST SIGNING SESSION AT HANA TO YUME'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, "EXTREME SUMMER FESTIVAL."

*Extreme Summer festival had panels where you could meet the creators, exhibits, exclusive goods sold, and signing sessions by Hakusensha.

I was in the middle of drawing the pencils for chapter 19. I reached Tokyo around noon. I'm an Aichi resident. Hurrah for Mikawa dialect!☆

AUGUST 21ST (SATURDAY) IN THE IKEBUKURO SUNSHINE BUILDING, TOKYO!

MY SIGNING SESSION WAS AT THREE IN THE AFTERNOON

Hidaka-san, this is your dressing room.

IN AWE

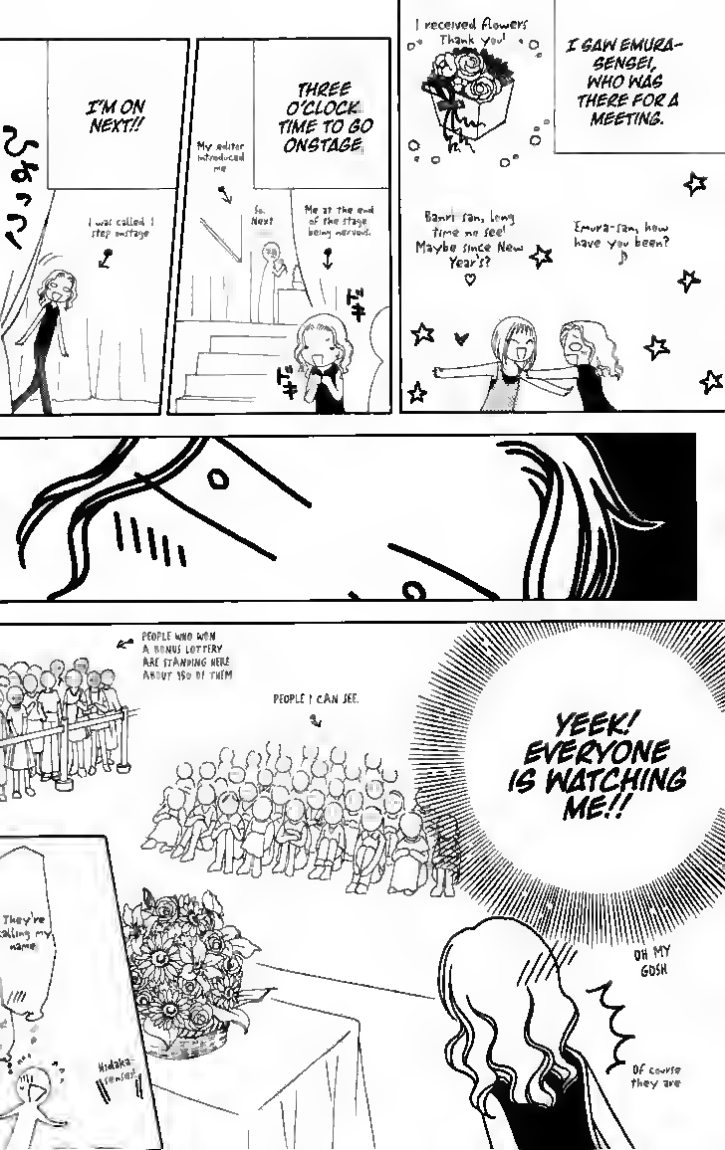
I WAS ABLE TO SAY HELLO TO MANY PEOPLE WHILE I WAS BACKSTAGE.

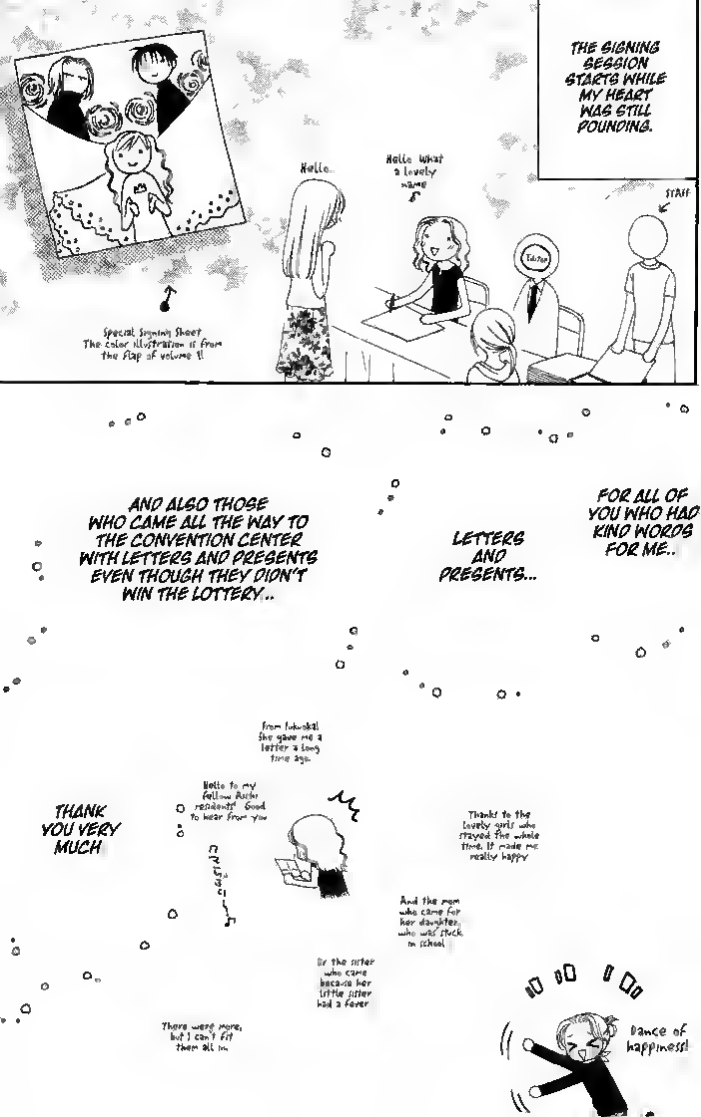
I WAS 28 YEARS OLD AND IT WAS MY FIRST SIGNING SESSION! MY HEART WAS POUNDING.

IT'S BEEN NINE YEARS THIS OCTOBER SINCE I STARTED THIS CAREER.

Thank you very much to those who came!!

YAY!


I'M ON NEXT!!
I was called I step outtage
THREE O'CLOCK TIME TO GO ONSTAGE
My editor introduced me
So, Next
Me at the end of the stage being nervous.
I received flowers Thank you!
I SAW EMURA-SENSEI, WHO WAS THERE FOR A MEETING.
Banri-san, long time no see! Maybe since New Year's?
Emura-san, how have you been?
PEOPLE WHO WON A BONUS LOTTERY ARE STANDING HERE. ABOUT 150 OF THEM
PEOPLE I CAN SEE.
YEEK! EVERYONE IS WATCHING ME!!
They're calling my name
Hidaka-sensei!
OH MY GOSH
Of course they are


THE SIGNING SESSION STARTS WHILE MY HEART WAS STILL POUNDING.
Hello.
Hello. What a lovely name!
STAFF
Special Signing Sheet
The color illustration is from the flap of volume 1!
AND ALSO THOSE WHO CAME ALL THE WAY TO THE CONVENTION CENTER WITH LETTERS AND PRESENTS EVEN THOUGH THEY DIDN'T WIN THE LOTTERY..
LETTERS AND PRESENTS...
FOR ALL OF YOU WHO HAD KIND WORDS FOR ME..
From Fukuoka! She gave me a letter a long time ago.
Hello to my fellow Asahi residents! Good to hear from you
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
Thanks to the lovely waist who stayed the whole time. It made me really happy
And the man who came for her daughter, who was stuck in school
Or the sister who came because her little sister had a fever
There were more, but I can't fit them all in.
Dance of happiness!

I FELT THE SUPPORT OF SO MANY PEOPLE...

I FELT SO APPRECIATED.

AND IT HIT HOME FOR ME THAT PEOPLE REALLY WERE READING MY MANGA.

I HOPE TO KEEP IT UP, SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ME.

GOODBYE FOR NOW, EVERYONE! SEE YOU IN V.B. ROSE VOLUME 3.

Extra

Tee hee!

We talked and held hands, held hands, held hands.

The next day, the second of the event, I met Natsuki Takaya-san.

Oh, really...?

Wow, it's been a while, Natsuka-san.

I love you!

I haven't seen you in such a long time!

Congratulations on your signing session.